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Note-Book,
or

Account of Matters, Events & Transactions,
relating to myself, family, friends, the town,
the neighboring towns, the country, the world—
including things public & private, important and
unimportant—with occasional remarks and
reflections.

Northampton June 1. 1833.

Sylvester Judd

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Account of Walter and his transactions
relating to property, family, friends, the house
the neighborhood, the country, the world
including a general view of the world
and a list of names, places, events, etc.

Walter's Journal 1835

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Saturday June 1

For two days past I have been employed on a jury in Hadley. (viz May 30 & 31.) The jury was called to revise the doings of the County Commissioners, who had located a new road across Fort River & over the hill beyond it, near the mills of David & Ansel Pomeroy, on the old Bay road. The jury determined that the alteration was inexpedient, and located the road in the old place, directing however that the new bridge should be built entirely above or north of the present one, so as to get clear, in some degree, of the obstructions near the mills; and beyond the mills we carried the road within 3 or 4 feet of Ansel Pomeroy's house, and cut off a strip of his land one rod wide or more for some distance. The jury were S. Judd, Lyman Parsons & Amasa D. Wade, of Northampton; Kellogg Israel Lyman & John Graves, of South Hadley; Col. Howland Eames, & Horace Kellogg of Amherst; Elijah Hubbard Charles Wait & --- Morton of Hatfield. I was chosen foreman, probably because my hair was white, & they thought me older than the others. We were under the High Sheriff, Joseph Lyman. Our place of meeting was Augustus Smith's inn, on the corner of the bay road & back street. On Thursday there was a regular court, Mr. Conkey, one of the Commissioners, pleading for them & their doings, and Isaac C. Bates for the Pomeroy's & people of Hadley, who disliked the doings of the Commissioners. A great number of persons testified in regard to the newly laid road & the old road; the expenses, the convenience & inconveniences, &c. of the two routes. St. Enos Smith 88 years old was one of the witnesses; he stood up as erect as any of the younger men. The Hadley people generally were strongly opposed to the alteration made by the Commissioners, & some of them testified pretty roundly, & exhibited strong feelings to me. We talk about people's being governed by reason; but they are governed by their interests.

Sunday June 2.

Was a little unwell & did not attend meeting. Have not staid at home before on the Sabbath for a year.

Monday 3

~~Union~~ meeting to choose Register of Deeds, &c.

Wednesday 5.

Rev. Joseph Penney was installed pastor of the first Society, to which I belong. There was a great concourse of people - house full. I did not attend - have not attended an ordination or installation.

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- Wednesday 5. for many years, except the installation of Mr. Chapin at Westhampton. These things are too long & too ceremonious to interest me very deeply. These occasions, however, commonly draw together large assemblies in all parts of the country. When I was a boy, ordinations were few & far between; and the young people went from the meeting house to the ball room & had a dance. At least, this was sometimes done. At the present day such things are not tolerated, & ought not to be, among orthodox congregationalists.
- Thursday 6. News of the acquittal of Rev. E. K. Avery at Newport arrived this week. His trial for the murder of Sarah M. Cornell commenced May 7, & closed June 2. It has been one of the principal topics of conversation in this vicinity for some weeks. The common opinion here is, that the jury did right to acquit him; the evidence not being sufficient to take his life; yet most people think that he is the murderer, or at least that there is ground for strong suspicions. The verdict of the jury has not made any change in public sentiment. The Methodists affirm his innocence & cleave to him very tenaciously.
- Sunday 9. Mr. Penney preached in the forenoon & Mr. Hopkins of Montpelier (son of John Hopkins) in the afternoon. Mr. Penney is a plain, sober, argumentative preacher; He makes no display. Mr. Hopkins is above mediocrity and his language is very good.
- Monday 10. The ~~Tour~~ of President Jackson to New England is one of the principal subjects of conversation, connected as it is, with the tour of Black Hawk & other Indian chiefs. — Another subject of some interest for a week or two past is the attempt to elect a Register of Deeds.
- Tuesday 11. Mr. Hoxsie & his intended wife, Hannah Burt Edwards visited us. Sister Hall of Greenfield left us yesterday. She came in from Westhampton, where she had been about a week, on Saturday, & tarried with us over the Sabbath. Brother Hall has recently experienced some losses; his goods got into Connecticut river, & were considerably damaged.

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Thursday 13. Son Hall Judd left us at 4 o'clock this morning for Springfield. He is going into the store of Ames & Dwight.

My family. Jacob Walker Judd (as I named him, but James W. Judd, as he calls himself) is in company with Silas Andrus, of Hartford - Andrus & Judd, bookprinters binders & sellers. They carry on an extensive business. J. W. has no property; Andrus furnishes capital. My son has been in D. F. Robinson & Co's Bookstore for 3 or 4 years; in 1832 before he was of age, he formed a connexion in business with Mr. Andrus, and a marriage connection with Miss Elizabeth Wing, an agreeable, sensible young lady. They visited us last September, during the last sickness of my father. He was here again in the winter. He belongs to the new or free congregational church in Hartford, Mr. Walton, pastor.

Sylvester, my second son, left us for Yale College, the day after the funeral of my father, in September last. He spent the winter vacation in Hartford with his brother. At the close of the second term, he came home, having obtained leave of the president to study at home during the present or third term. Since he entered college, he has had the following sums of money - \$25 - \$20 - \$20 - \$4.94 - \$2.75 - Total \$72.69.

Chauncey Parkman, my third son is an apprentice to Elisha Turner of this place, book binder, & seller. He has been there about 4 years - is industrious & prudent, & has a strong desire for knowledge. He has made some progress in French & Latin - until the evenings became short, he used to come to my house & study until 11 or 12 o'clock, & then lodge here. I have been his instructor, generally; but sister Arctura & son Sylvester sometimes. Hall Judd, my fourth son, went to live with my father at Westhampton, in August, 1830. After my father's death he remained there to take care of the farm, sheep, & other property - lived with sister Lyman - and returned to Northampton about a month since. He attended a private school there last winter - also the preceding winters. Went to Springfield today. Apphia Judd, my oldest daughter, attends the school of Miss Margaret Dwight - has been there two quarters before the present, which began this month. Previously went to district school. Hophni & Peninnah, my two youngest children, attend the district school on the Plain, kept by Miss Roxana Hunt.

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Thursday 13. Received a packet of letters from sister Arethusa Hall, brought by Rev. Aaron Warner. She is preceptor of a female Academy at Newton near Boston. She left us for that place about the first of May.

Friday 14. Saw Mr. Warner. His wife, a sister of Harriet Newell, is at his father's. Rev. Mr. Bates, where Arethusa is, married another sister. Arethusa, when in Haverhill, boarded in the family of their mother, Mrs. Atwood.

Places I have lived in. I came to Northampton to manage the Hampshire Gazette, in April 1822. I removed my family in May. The first year, from May 1822 to May 1823, I lived in the house on the corner, east side of King street and north side of the lane leading to Market street. I occupied the north part of the house, & my brother in law, H. T. Hooker, the south part. I paid about 50 dollars rent. The next two years, from May 1823 to May 1825, I lived in the house of Horace Lyman, Bridger street - the house that has recently been purchased for Mr. Penney, & is now preparing for his residence. I paid, I believe, 65 or 70 dollars a year for rent. I then removed to the house on Hawley street, then owned by Samuel Glenk, Jr. (back of the great elm) where I remained until May 1826. Paid him 100 dollars for a year. From May 1826 to the present time, 7 years, I have lived in the house of Elisha Graves Market street - a house said to have ^{been} built by Hezekiah Hatchins. I have paid as high as 90 dollars rent here, but most of the time only 65 dollars a year. Hopkni was born in Horace Lyman's house, & Periniah in the house I now occupy.

Sunday 16. Mr. Penney preached both parts of the day. Mr. Williams usually attend meeting, & sometimes takes a part in the exercises. It is, however a year or two since he has preached. He is to appearance a more skeleton, but has altered very little for some years. He walks with considerable agility. Mr. Penney announced that he & Mr. Todd would preach alternately on Sunday evenings, in the meeting house.

Tuesday 18. Benjamin B. Hoxie and Hannah B. Edwards, my niece & ward, were married at the house of Mr. Moody, Robert's Meadow, in the forenoon, by Mr. Penney, & started for Eden, N. Y. where he & his parents reside. Wife, Sylvester, C. Parkman & A. Phelps went to the wedding, and there was a pretty large circle of relatives present. Since the death of her father, I have received from his estate for her $\$186.66$; from her grandfather Edwards, estate $\$5.00$; & the legacy to her from my father was $\$80.00$, but discounting interest until it became due, only $\$74.66$, remained. These sums amount to $\$236.26$. Since her father's death, I have paid out for her, or am obliged to pay,

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Tuesday 18. — the sum of \$301.38, besides a debt she owes her uncle Wooddy, 236.26 credit from 301.38 debt leaves \$65.12 for which I have received her note and Hoxies. Her land remains unsold, and in my care. Of the sum paid out for her, about \$30, was expended at Westfield Academy, & she has recently had about 150 dollars in articles for house keeping & clothing. She went to live with my father in July 1830, & remained there until a week or two before his death in September last, when she went to the Academy. S^r Lester Budd Edwards, brother of Hannah B. & another of my wards, was here to day, having come down from Greenfield to the wedding. Cousin Chas. A. Budd came here & tarried through the night, visited with him at Chauncey Clark's until 11 o'clock in the evening.

Wednesday 19. Wife rode out to Mr. Joseph Warner's to see Aaron Warner & wife & others, to carry Clara's 2^d hymn to her school. Brother Parsons & his wife here — had been to South Hadley Court House. For some years after I came here I seldom went into the Court House, & never have I visited the court room to hear a plea or see a trial, except when an Irishman was tried for murder a few years since, and another person for a rape. I have been on the grand jury twice, but have never in my life acted on the jury for trials. In the rape case I was a juror, but was challenged. After I began to devote some time to antiquities, & to search old records, I became a frequent visitor at the Court House, & have spent many hours there — not a little of the time, has been spent in conversing on recent rather than ancient transactions. The Court House party was composed of some or all of the following persons; Charles Hooker previous to his decease, Register of Deeds; Solomon Stoddard, Clerk of the Courts, & Ebenezer Barnard who writes for him; Samuel F. Lyman, Register of Probate; and Doct. Daniel Stetson, County Treasurer. Francis Whitney is commonly there writing in some office, & other persons are frequently in, particularly William Hutchens. The lamented Hooker was a kind, accommodating man — always pleasant; but seldom expressed any opinion on disputed subjects, and of course made no enemies. Levi Lyman, his predecessor, agreed with every body with whom he conversed; joked & told stories in pretty good style, and was popular; his solid qualifications were not very conspicuous. — C. E. Forbes kept his office in the Court House while County Attorney, but has removed since the appointment of C. A. Dewey. At present C. P. Huntington, Register of Deeds pro tem. is frequently there.

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Thursday 20. There was a christening at the Town Hall by Mr. Penney. About 25 children, most of them infants were baptised. Some parents have been waiting because there was no regular minister; some because they were poor & could not present their babes in the church in such a dress as they thought becoming; and some were too proud to carry out their children in the meeting-house; and some perhaps were too timid. There is probably some superstition in many minds on the subject of baptism; and an importance is attached to an outward sign which belongs only to an interior change. I have had for many years some doubts on the subject of baptising infants, "unconscious babes", and am inclined to the opinion that it is not scriptural but a remnant of popery. I am not, however, established in this opinion - I only doubt.

Saturday 22. To-day Mrs. Catherine Graves, widow of Elisha Graves died aged 78. She was a near neighbor, & for some years I have been in the habit of visiting her & conversing with her about old things, customs, families, &c. She had a tenacious memory; in her younger days she was a tailor, & made garments for respectable families in this & the neighboring towns, and was better acquainted with what was going on than most others. She worked at my grandfather's side more than 50 years ago, & at a later period, and made the wedding suit of my uncle Solomon Judde. She was a daughter of Simson Parsons. She made a suit for my grandfather previous to his second marriage. She knew much about my grandmother, my aunts, &c. She was seldom mistaken in her recollections. She was well acquainted with Rev. John Hooker - used to work there.

The president's visit to New England makes considerable talk. The people are willing to make fools of themselves, it is evident. I am glad that he is not coming to this town. There is folly enough here now.

Last Evening & afternoon, we had a visit from Miss Roxana & Sarah Hunt. Very rational, discrete girls.

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Sunday 23. Rev. Aaron Warner preached in the forenoon, and Mr. Penney in the afternoon.

Sunday School occupies one hour after the afternoon services in the summer; in the winter the Sunday School is at noon. I have been a teacher in the Sunday School all the time since I removed to this town, except the first year, and the first winter after the winter school was kept, which was 5 or 6 years ago. For some years after I came here, the school was not continued in the winter.

Monday 24. Two funerals in the afternoon; that of Mrs. Graves at her late residence, & that of Julia Parsons, daughter of Mr. Elisha Parsons, at the Town Hall. Mr. Penney delivered a short sermon at the Hall.

Wednesday 26. To Charles Rust & his wife here from (Onondaga or Syracuse) N. Y. Brother Parsons & wife with them.

Sunday 30. Mr. Penney preached in the forenoon; Mr. Worcester of Peacham Vermont, in the afternoon.

Tuesday July 1833

Tuesday 2. Sylvester poisoned; face swelled very much; has been down ever since Wednesday last; Doct. Flint has visited him. Warm weather for two days; almost the first the present season. Fire has been not only convenient but necessary almost every evening previous to this.

Wednesday 3. Rainy day. People preparing for Independence — those who join in the follies of the day — fair, tea-party &c. For myself, should not be at all grieved if it should rain tomorrow. Never attended an Independence Dinner or Tea party in my life — always kept Independence at home; have once or twice gone to hear the Oration.

Thursday 4. The day called Independence, but one in which less independence is usually exhibited than on other days. It is a day of noise & carousing with many; of folly & amusement with others. It has been more quiet here than usual. There were addresses in regard to the Colonization Society; address, prayer & singing at laying the corner stone of the church of the Edwards Society; young ladies fair; tea parties, &c. I neither heard nor saw any of these things — my taste is not that way.

Brother Parsons & wife here & Mrs. Chapin; Parsons paid me for my wool which he carried to Monson & sold; viz 82 fleeces 22 1/2 pounds @ 55 cents = \$124.27.

Friday 5. I paid a note of my father to the Hampshire Missionary Society, for money borrowed for the benefit of the children of my late brother David Edwards. Amount, principal \$237.74; interest from April 1. '33. 72 — Total \$241.46. Note dated April 1. 1830. 3 years interest have been paid.

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- Sunday 7. Mr. Penney all day — Col. Rumpkin of Georgia in the evening.
- Thursday 11. Wife, Peninnah and Roxana ^{Hunt} started for Hartford.
- Friday 12. Viewed the meadows — went down to the Shephard house & then to the lower point in old Rainbow — went round Bark Wigwam on the bank to Middle Meadow Hill. Crops generally look very well — more wheat than usual.
- Sunday 14 Mr. Penney all day. An agent of the S. C. Theological Seminary in the evening.
- Saturday 20. Wife, Peninnah & Roxana Hunt returned from Hartford. Found son J. W. & his wife in usual health & prosperity — he full of business. They visited the Asylum & other things in Hartford, called to see my old friend Mrs. Bennet, went to Middletown, &c.
- Son Hall Judd left Ames & Dwight, Springfield, on the 11th inst. & arrived in Hartford before his mother — is now employed by his brother J. Walker Judd, or Andrus & Judd, as Clerk &c. He became dissatisfied with the business at Springfield, fancy goods, &c, but not with the men, & I consented that he should leave them, they being willing.

Saturday, Chauncey Clark & myself visited the meadow.

- Sunday 21. Mr. Penney all day.
- A busy week among the farmers, & so was the preceding. Pretty good weather for haying & harvesting.
- Spent some time this week on old records at the Court House. Court House conversation more or less upon Masonry & Anti-masonry since Everett's letter was published. I am always on the anti-masonic side; when masons are present more especially so.

Sunday 28 — Mr. Penney present — somebody (no great affair) in the afternoon.

August 1833.

- Thursday Aug. 1. Mrs. Watkins, having left a drunken husband, came to live with us — boy ^{Asa} came.
- Friday Aug. 2. Went to Westhampton — did not go to the old farm. Many things of a melancholy nature & some pleasant ones to be seen.
- Sister Lyman in my house — nobody else there. — Began this day ^{to keep old maids,} which I had of my father. Mr. Graves has kept her.
- Sunday 4. Mr. Penney all day.
- Thursday 8 Chauncey Clark & E. K. Harkweather & their wives visited us.
- Saturday 10. Went into Manham meadow, down to the mouth of Mill River, &c.
- Sunday 11. Mr. Penney all day.
- Monday 12. Hannah Burt, my Cousin, who is teaching school in Elm-street, made us a visit.

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Wednesday 14. Went to Greenfield with wife - reached there at noon.

I was summoned there to testify in regard to a newspaper in the case of Horatio Leavitt. Was sometimes in the Court House & some of the time elsewhere - called to testify on Thursday afternoon. Found Doct. Enoch Hall and wife at Brother Hall's - Brother Hall buried his youngest child on Tuesday. I came down to Deerfield on Friday in the forenoon - called to see Col. Elisha Hoyt (a cousin of my mother). Examined the old house in which he lives, which is the one that was occupied by John Sheldon in 1704 when Deerfield was taken by the Indians. The hatchet marks on the door & the bullet holes in the north front room are as distinct now as when first made. Dined with Col. Hoyt. Went to Nims' house, the town clerk, & spent some hours on the old records. Sister Hall brought wife from Greenfield in the afternoon & we started for home - were detained an hour at Bloody Brook by a thunder shower, & when we reached Hatfield it was very dark. Put up at Doct. Daniel Whites - had a pleasant time with him & his wife. Started on Saturday morning for home. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty on Saturday, in the Leavitt case.

Sunday 18. Mr. Pannoy all day.

Wednesday 21. Brother Hall & wife here from Greenfield - only a short stay.

Old dwelling house connected with jail was demolished this day of the week. Took some measures & made some minutes about it, on account of its antiquity. It was originally just such a house as the old Hoyt house in Deerfield.

Thursday 22. My aunt Charity Burt, widow of my uncle Dea. Samuel Burt visited us, & remained through the day - went to Brother Hookers at night. Had not seen her before for many years. I invited some of the Strong's, & others of her cousins to see her. The wife of Elsie Parsons, the widow of Erastus Bridgman, & Joseph Strong's wife came. Sister Sarah was here also, & cousin Hannah Burt.

Friday 23. Spent part of the forenoon at Brother Hookers with aunt Burt.

Saturday 24. Sylvester carried aunt Burt to Spencer Bridgman's, Westhampton.

Sunday 25. Strangers preached A. M. & P. M. Mr. Ludlow in the evening, from 18th.

Tuesday 27. Sylvester & nephew George Lyman went to Amherst to hear A. H. Everett, &c. George was examined for college.

Sylvester's former connection with Hadley Academy & his present connection with Yale College brings a great many young men here to see him.

Wednesday 28. Commencement at Amherst College - Sylvester & George went again. An immense crowd there. I have never been to a Commencement, & probably never shall go.

Thursday 29. Meetings to elect a Register of Deeds - 2 trials. Unitarians, Jackson men & masons went down.

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Sunday, Sept. 1. Mr. Penney in the forenoon & Mr. Leavitt of N.Y. in the afternoon.
Monday, 2. In the afternoon, son J. W. & his wife from Hartford arrived - on a visit.

Tuesday 3. A sister of J. W.'s wife, Miss Wing, arrived - came in the stage from Hartford. Father Hall came from Westhampton. In the evening, James Bottom, who has been absent at sea for 3 years & 7 months, & who was supposed to be dead by his friends, called to see us. Gave an account of his adventures among the whales, at the Sandwich Islands, &c. Seems to be a correct young man. Almira Wright here. Parkman here. House full. Large family - wife unwell - some confusion through the week. Some of them with Parkman visited Roberts Meadow of Westhampton - brought in apples & peaches. Visited Elisha Graves one evening. Sister Parsons came & carried home father Hall.

Sunday 8. Mr. Penney both parts of the day. I had a few-fall.

Monday, 9. J. W. Sylvester went to Westhampton - two horses tandem like two silly boys. Brought in George Hyman, apples, & peaches. In the evening all made a visit to Mrs. Huntson the plain, I was there.

Tuesday 10. J. W. Sylvester, George L. & Hopkin went to Greenfield. J. W. & George returned on Wednesday, & Sylvester & Hopkin on Thursday.

Friday 13. Had a large party in the evening - Elisha Graves & wife - Isaac Clark and wife - Elisha Turner & wife - Samuel W. Kirkland & wife - Lucy Gere, Roxana & Sarah Hunt, Almira Wright, Timothy Dwight, Mary & Laura Dwight, Mr. — from Virginia. Tea, coffee &c handed round.

Saturday 14. J. W. and wife Sarah Wing started for Hartford. The talk now begins to turn upon governor - not much feeling on the subject.

Sunday 15. Mr. Todd in the forenoon & Mr. Penney in the afternoon. Two funerals after meeting - Daniel Butler, & the wife of Jos. Warner, senr.

Tuesday 17. My old pastor, Rev. Enoch Hale, called to see us. He will be 80 years old in October. He fails in mind & body. I walked with him to A. Ludden's in South-street, where his wife was, visiting her grand daughter, Ludden (Clarissa Clapp). Found words. Ly diez Bartlett there took tea with them. Called at Lemuel Clark's & had a good chat with the old gentleman. The late Isaac Clark & his brother Lemuel had more brains than most people. Called at Chauncey Clark's & spent the evening. Mr. Starkweather of Rev. Mr. Sanford his son in law there. Conversation pretty brisk about governor, slavery, catholics, &c.

Wednesday, 18. I wrote a letter to Doct. Elnathan Judd, of Paris, N.Y. He is a cousin of my father, & the only Judd cousin of his that I ever saw. I have not seen him for 24 years. On the 10th or 11th of October 1809, he was at the funeral of Justice Kingsley in Westhampton.

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and after the burial, he, my father & mother, uncle Solomon Judd & wife, & I believe, Luther Edwards & wife, and myself, went to dear Samuel Edwards & spent the evening. Dea. Elzathan was a sociable, interesting man. He remarked that if he ever visited this part of the country again, he should probably find most of his cousins in the burying-yard. Since that time, my uncle Jonathan Judd, my father, & my uncle Solomon Judd have gone to the grave. Four of the family are still living; my uncle Frederic Judd, Silence, wife of Samuel Edwards, Sarah, relict of Timothy Clark, and Clarissa, wife of Luther Edwards.

Thos. W. Shepard arrived from Lancaster. He printed the Hampshire Gazette for me 9 or 10 years; removed to Lancaster about a year since, & John Metcalf took his place. Th. W. S. is an upright, straightforward man. We never had any difficulty, but were always on good terms.

Thursday 19. One year ago my beloved & venerable father breathed his last. It seems but a few days. The old farm on which he commenced when it was all a forest, and on which he lived from 1774 to 1821, I have sold. It was a poor farm - had become exhausted & much of it sterile, but still it was associated with many interesting scenes & events, & had it not been necessary for me to sell it to pay the legacies to my sisters, I would have kept it. Here I was born & here I passed my youthful days, & every tree, rock, fence, & every nook & corner in & about the buildings is familiar to me. Here I received the constant attention & kindness of the best of mothers, & the more reserved but not less sincere tokens of the affection of an excellent father. In this house, my sister Clarissa, my brother Jacob Walker, my brother Hopkin, and my mother died; & were conveyed from this spot to the grave. The scenes of my early days are more distinctly impressed on my mind than any of a later date.

I sold the farm 350 acres for \$3300 dollars, which is not much more than the amount of my father's debts & legacies. His debts were not large. A piece of land on Manham river in Southampton I sold for 900 dollars. My father had this of my uncle Frederic; my uncle owed my father for his share in the homestead of my uncle Jonathan. The land was originally given to my grandfather when he was settled in the ministry in Southampton in 1743. I have received for wood, oxen, grain, & other personal estate, & debts about 400 dollars. There is now about 700 due on notes, & some other personal estate. I sold agricultural tools, &c. at old farm to Oren Kingsley for 50. I shall obtain from my father's estate, after paying legacies & debts, something over \$2000, and the real estate near the meeting house in Westhampton, worth perhaps 2500 dollars.

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Sunday 22. Mr. Penny all day.

Wednesday 25. Supreme Court here. Judge O. B. Morris of Springfield here. - found he had paid much attention to ancient affairs especially in Springfield - had much conversation with him on this & other days.

Friday 27. John Davis of Worcester here - was introduced to him - a plain sensible man. Many people think he would make a good governor. - I was at Chauncy Clarks, in the evening. Considerable talk about governor these days. The Nationals are in a stew - not knowing whom it will be best to select for governor.

Sylvester preparing for New Haven. Parkman is fitting a room over Mr. Turners bookstore, to study in evenings after he has done work - is much engaged in the acquisition of knowledge.

Sunday 29. A stranger in the forenoon - Mr. Penny in the afternoon.

Monday 30. Sylvester set out for New Haven College, in the stage, at two or three o'clock this morning, in company with Mr. Dugger, of Virginia, who has been at Hadley Academy several months.

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Tuesday 1. My old friend Col. William Hooker of Westfield called to see me towards night - he went to Westhampton in the evening. In the course of my life, I have probably spent more hours with him, than with any other man living. He is an excellent man. - Rained hard all night.

Wednesday 2. Court House Party these days - C. P. Huntington, Saml. F. Lyman, Solo. Stoddard, Danl. Robbins, and E. Barnard. Conversation, for some days past, - about Governor, & Gen. Jackson's conduct in regard to the U.S. Bank - and various other matters.

Thursday 3. Wife quite unwell for some days - had Doct. Flint to see her to-day, yesterday and day before. Family now small. - Myself, wife, three youngest children and Mrs. Watkins.

Sunday 6. Mr. Penny all day.

Tuesday 8. Heavy rain - continued through the night

Wednesday 9. The Connecticut rising fast - farmers busy in the Manken meadow, gathering their potatoes, to secure them from the flood. The water, however, did not rise so far to cover much of the meadow. Hear of damage on Westfield River Crops - this season. Apples superabundant. Peach trees full. Rye, wheat & oats pretty good. First crop of grass abundant. Second crop of grass light. Indian corn about as last year - not a full crop. The season has been cool and wet. Pastures have been rank. Potatoes good.

At Chauncy Clarks & Lemuel Clarks in the evening, with Isaac Clark

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Thursday 10. Meeting or Anniversary of the four County Religious Societies. My father always attended the annual meeting of the Hampshire Missionary Society, & after the union of the meetings of the four Societies, was always present. He attended for the last time in October 1831, about a year before his death, and this was his last visit to Northampton. There was at the same time a three days meeting, & he heard several of the sermons. We always used to have my father and my uncle Samuel Edwards to dine with us on the anniversary day, but this year we had no visitors.

Friday 11. General Training - a contemptible affair. A company of painted like Indians acted their part tolerably well. News of the steam-boat New England having burst her boilers near Saybrook, & destroyed several persons, is a subject of conversation. It was a horrid affair. "Workingmen" make some talk, but they are so destitute of union, system & organization, that they can effect nothing. - Cousins Eleazar & John A. Judd here to dinner.

Saturday 12. Mrs. Watkins of Hopkirk went to Westhampton and brought in some apples.

Sunday 13. Mr. Penney in the forenoon - Mr. Hopkins (2d son of John H.) in the afternoon. There was another heavy rain on Saturday night. Some people dug potatoes on Sunday to secure them from the flood.

Monday 14. About two thirds of South Meadow under water. A loaded boat came up to South street bridge & discharged her cargo.

Tuesday 15. Spent the evening at Charles Starkweather's. His wife who was a grand daughter of Hatfield, is a very sensible woman.

Wednesday 16. Spent the evening again at Mr. Starkweather's. Read to her some of my uncle Jonathan's Journals while he taught school in Hatfield in 1768. My object was to get some information from Mrs. S. respecting persons & events to which my uncle alludes.

Thursday 17. Timothy Phelps' team brought in 46 bushels of winter apples from my trees in Westhampton. - Drusilla, having finished her school at the Factory, came here yesterday.

Friday 18. Mr. Chapin of Westhampton all day - made us a visit in the evening.

Saturday 19. In the afternoon had much conversation in Isaac Clarks store with George Bancroft, Chauncy Clark, Hiram Perry, &c. about popular rights, the Workingmen, &c. Was at S. Clark's house in the evening. - Much rain today - another fresh

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Wednesday 23. At Chauncey Clark's in the evening.

Thursday 24. Went to Westhampton with Hopani - carried Drusilla out to Brother Parsons. Betsey has some trouble in getting along with two old persons - father Hall, & her mother Parsons. Brother Parsons' house & contents were burnt June 19, 1832. They lived in the barn 3 months, & moved into the new house three months after, Sept. 19, 1832. They have not yet recovered from this calamity. I have given them about 50 dollars. Found sister Lyman & her girls in my house. Roofs, fences &c. are getting old & out of order. The place needs a resident owner. Had a visit from Mrs. Chapin in the evening. Then spent the rest of the evening in the store with cousin J. A. Judd. It is said that sister Lyman is about to get married.

Friday 25. Examined the orchards, mowing, &c. Completed a bargain with Francis Loud for 174 rods of ground on the lower side of the store lot, & measured it with a rod pole. He is to pay me 87 dollars & make for me 14½ rods of stone wall, for the land. Capt. Azariah Lyman died ~~Wednesday~~ today & was buried today, aged 86. He was a venerable old man; I thought he was old 35 years ago. He & my father began in Westhampton the same year 1774, and were commonly good friends through life. In my younger days, I was often at his house to see Jesse. Returned to W. H. in the evening. Saw today several old friends. I have, I confess, a strong attachment to many persons & things in Westhampton.

Saturday 26. Got shaved & my hair cut at the barbers. I never get a barber to shave me, except when I get my hair cut. 3 or 4 times in a year. My hair is almost wholly white, and I am supposed by many to be much older than I am. Had some talk with several persons about the meeting of the workies on Thursday evening & their nomination of Saml. C. Allen for Gov. The workies cannot effect anything without more systems and more able leaders. Their cause is good, though there are doubtless some vague & crude notions in their heads. For my own part, I am unwilling to connect myself closely with any party. No honest man can follow any party "through thick & thin."

Sunday 27. Mr. Penney all day

Tuesday 29. At Chauncey Clark's in the evening with Isaac Clark. Conversation about parties - the workmen, &c.

Rest of week - A good deal of talk about parties, & governor, &c.

I taught at the follies of a. l. c. Think I shall vote for Adams & Lathrop, but care very little about it.

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- Sunday 3. Mr. Penney all day.
- Monday 4. The last week for electioneering in the paper, and correspondents anxious to puff their candidates.
- Tuesday 5. Parkman returned from Cummington—rode up on the old mare, last week.
Took supper at Capt. Samuel Parsons'—went with him & Isaac Clark in the evening to South-street. Found at Mr. Starkweather's, Chauncy Clark, Hiram Piercy, and Doct. Porter, an anti-mason from Boston, who is about the country electioneering for Adams & Lathrop. The Doctor told many amusing & curious stories about masons, anti-masons, &c.
- Thursday 7. Wrote several letters in favor of Chauncy Clark, as Register ^{or rather} ~~and~~ against Col. Swan. The election of governor is much talked about; there is less feeling than last year. The people are divided into four parties each having its candidate, & this division tends to moderate all. The working-men hold caucuses, and are rather noisy.
- Friday 8. Brother Smith's wife visited us & he left her here. After about Mr. Clay's coming to visit us. Several people left here this morning for Springfield to accompany him up. I hope he will not come, for I fear that our people will make a great fuss, & show that they are man-worshippers. I would not go a mile to see any man in the United States.
- Saturday 9. Some carriages, including one filled with ladies, & about 20 or 25 men on horseback went to meet Mr. Clay about half way to Springfield. They arrived in the afternoon in the rain—went round through Hawley Street & then up main-street to the Mansion House. The company assembled was not very large—most people were attending to their own affairs. There was some shouting, but on the whole less man-worship than I expected. I did not stir from the printing office.
- Sunday 10. Mr. Penney all day. Mr. Clay attended meeting with Mr. Bates in the forenoon. He was plainly dressed, rather tall, an intelligent countenance, but nothing remarkable about him. Mr. Penney preached as usual & all things went on as usual. There were some persons from adjoining towns at meeting, attracted here by the wish to see Mr. Clay. He attended the Unitarian meeting in the afternoon. In the evening many persons, farmers as well as others, called to see him, & he conversed freely on any subject with any body, & all were pleased with his plain, frank manners. He left here for Pittsfield & Albany on Monday morning.

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Monday 11. Town meeting for choice of state officers. The nationals got the better of the workingmen in choosing representation. I voted for John D. Adams, but gave myself no trouble about the matter, did not care how others voted. I have no recollection that I ever in my life distributed votes, or solicited others to vote this way or that. In conversation with people, I express my sentiments freely about men & measures, but never solicit men to vote for this man or that. Last year I voted for the Wirt ticket, & for Samuel Hathorne for governor.

Tuesday 12. At Charles Starkweather's party of the evening. C. Clark & wife there.

Wednesday 13. The news from the east has given the Nationals long faces. Davis is not elected; the antemasons have increased much, and the Jackson men some. National Republicanism is down. I have no tears to shed on the occasion, nor do I exult. There is too much aristocracy & too much masonry in that party to please me, but I have some doubts whether anything better will rise.

This morning before sunrise & before I was up, there was a shower of meteors or shooting stars seen in this place, which excited much attention, & was the subject of conversation. The same phenomenon was observed far & near.

Turned my old mare & cow into the meadow.

Sunday 17. Mr. Brown, of Hadley, preached.

Monday 18. Much talk about the wonderful performances of the sleep-walking girl in Springfield.

Tuesday 19. Court of Common Pleas sits. Courts do not attract much attention now-a-days, I pay no attention to them.

Saturday 23. Hall arrived from Hartford in a one horse waggon. He staid at Smith's, Lower Farms, last night.

Sunday 24. Mr. Penney all day. Mr. Williams made a prayer at the Sunday school - he holds out well.

Monday 25. Snow fell this day & evening 5 or 6 inches deep - the first this season worth noticing. Hopkine brought the old mare out of the meadow, & took her to Samuel Parsons.

Tuesday 26. Some sleighs running to-day, but the sleighing is poor. I have been necessitated to do a little electioneering for Chauncey Clark, or rather against Swan. I hate the business.

About 11 o'clock at night Arethusa arrived from Newton by way of Hartford. She went to Newton about the first of May last, & has been preceptress in an Academy at the rate of 300 dollars a year & board.

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Thursday 28. Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Penney preached - house rather than. Cold & tolerable sleighing. We had at Dinner only the usual number, with the addition of Arthur's son, Parkman & Mrs. Watkins' boy - also father Hall who has been here 8 or 10 days. Hall was at Sister Lyman's Westhampton. Sister Hooker & she (caught) Sarah were here in the evening; also Hall. Two years ago I was at my father's in Westhampton at Thanksgiving. Some of my family were then nearly every year since I came to Northampton, and I was there usually, but not every year. My father always had a strong desire to have his children & grandchildren together with him on the annual Thanksgiving. At the time referred to, viz 1831, he felt the infirmities of age, & was rather low-spirited. I knew the cause; & he intimated that it was probably the last Thanksgiving that he should see. It was not difficult, however, to turn his mind from this subject, & get him quite engaged in conversation. Yet, when left alone, the reflection that this was the last time that he should see so many of his children & grandchildren together seemed to occupy his mind, & make him sad. His four broodings proved, alas! too true. When the next anniversary arrived he was sleeping in the dust. - In my early years, my parents thought much of the annual Thanksgiving, & there were many good things prepared. My mother used to make two chicken pies on two frusted platters, one large, the other smaller - and a great abundance of other pies; and we always had a rice-pudding, boiled pot-luck, roast beef, and a piece of baked pork; but seldom a turkey. Killing, picking and dressing the fowls afforded employment for us all one evening. The day after Thanksgiving was a day for visiting among parents; a day for Turkey-shooting among young men & boys, and sometimes there was a ball. The Thanksgiving meal at my father's was rather supper than dinner; as we did not get home from meeting & get supper prepared until three or four o'clock. We always had flip or toddy previous to the supper. After I went to live in the middle of the town, I used to go to Doct. Hooker's after meeting and drink flip with the Doctor & his sons; I continued this practice until I removed to Northampton - seldom failed. I might have omitted it in 1821, the fall before I came here. The Temperance Reform has banished this miserable practice, I have not drunk a half pint of spirit or wine for twelve years; and very little since I returned from Ohio in 1819 - 14 years ago.

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Friday 29. Hall left us early this morning for Hartford.

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Sunday 1. Mr. Penney all day.

Monday 2. Sometime spent in talking about election of Register.

Tuesday 3. Arethusa went to Westhampton. Mr. Chapin & wife called to see us. Sent cow to Horace Lyman's. Have now neither horse nor cow.

Wednesday 4. Town meeting for choice of Register in afternoon.

Thursday 5. Singing in the afternoon & evening. Mr. Mayson here from Boston. I staid at home. Brother Parsons in with his wife, Drucilla & Arethusa. He carried out father Hall who has been here about two weeks.

Friday & Saturday 6 & 7. Spent most of these two days on a reference held in the Register of Deeds office. Referees - C. P. Huntington, myself, and Col. Ephraim Smith of Hadley. The parties were the Lyman's of Hookanum - five brothers, Israel, Enos, Amariah, Elijah & George. (Zadoc another brother not present.) The dispute was about the settlement of the estate of their late father, Israel Lyman - the question was, who should pay the debts? We decided the perplexing affair as well as we could. Huntington charged \$4. Smith \$3.50 and I 3.00 for the two days. Huntington wished to charge much more, in the lawyer style, but Smith & I held back. Kellogg has gone ahead of Glen & Swan in the votes for Register, and the lawyers do not feel bad on the occasion. Hadley has made a tremendous effort for Kellogg.

Sunday 8. Mr. Penney all day. The Indian, Mr. Apes, in the evening at the Town Hall.

Monday 9. Snow & rain last night. Sleighing poor here - better at the west.

Tuesday 10. Arethusa started for Newton this morning in the stage.

Thursday 12. In the evening was in the Register of Deeds office, as I frequently am, conversing with C. P. Huntington & Mrs. Hutchens. Our conversation is generally upon politics, religion, morality, &c. and disputes frequently arise, which call forth arguments. Hutchens has a strong mind, & is fond of argument; and he seldom alters or yields. Wednesday evening went Saml. Wells.

Friday 13. Most of the evening at Isaac Glen's house.

Sunday 15. Mr. Penney. A severely cold, blustering day. Mr. Williams was at meeting notwithstanding.

Tuesday 17. A rainy, snowy afternoon & night.

Wednesday 18. Abigail Lyman here; her and sister Lyman have made a marriage agreement. He came to complete some papers in regard to her property & his. He gives up all claim to her property; and she gives up her right to

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Wednesday 18 — some part of his, but is to have a support from his estate during widowhood, should she outlive him. Her property is to be put in my hands as trustee. I would gladly have avoided this trust; but could not very well do it. I have not the best hand to take care of my own property, & am entirely averse to meddling with other people's estate.

At the request of friends of Chauncey Clark, I wrote something for them to make a handbill. I have not much confidence in his success.

Saturday 21. Went to Westhampton in a cutter to regulate some affairs for sister Lyman. Snow 18 inches deep out there & some drifted. Paths not trodden, although the snow fell on Tuesday. Sister Lyman preparing for marriage & removal. Everything topsy-turvy. Sister Lyman has the following estate, besides her furniture, &c. in her father's buildings left by her husband, worth about 8 or 900 dollars. Notes, the avails of her husband's estate, 1250 dollars; Notes, the legacy given to her by my father, 1350 dollars. Total, say 3500 dollars. Of this property she put about 1300 dollars into my hands as Trustee; gave to her children 1300 dollars; & will deed to her children all her real estate.

Mr. Boyden, wife & sister removed into my house last fall; after sister Lyman's marriage, they will be the only occupants. I sold my grass last spring to cousin Eleazer Judd, & he has about 100 sheep at my barn feeding on his hay. My own sheep are kept by Owen Kingdon for \$1.25 each per annum.

Sunday 22. Mr. Penny all day.

Tuesday 23. More snow — snow very deep on the hills. Those who are electing for Clark, & Kellogg, are wide awake. Handbills are sent by runners all over the county. The lawyers have the most ingenuity of tact; and will succeed in electing Kellogg, I think. Was at Isaac Clark's in the evening. Some talk with his wife about the female aristocracy in this place.

Viewed the inside of the Edwards meeting house — have not been in it before since the roof was on. A very fine house. The society has met in the Baptist meeting house for about 6 months past — previous to that in the Town Hall.

Had a letter from Jacob W. Gray son, yesterday; and one from Hall two or three days before. They state that there is a revival in the Free Church in Hartford, & that Hall is a subject of the work, & hopes he has been renewed by the Spirit of God. This is glad news. God has been very gracious to my family. Four, if not five of my children are among the hopeful followers of Christ.

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Wednesday 25. The meeting house of the Edwards church society was dedicated. It was filled to overflowing - so many could not get admittance. I did not attend - did not get ready until the house was running over. Mr. Todd's sermon is said to ^{have} been a powerful & original work. This church is composed of some of the best members of the old church - some of the most zealous & active christians. They have made great exertions; their taxes & contributions must be heavy. I was sorry to see the destruction of two venerable elms - one set out by Deac. Eben. Hunt when his son the late Deac. Eben. Hunt was born - 89 years ago. This stood back on ground occupied by the meeting house & had a huge trunk. The other stood on the corner, 10 feet perhaps from the east corner of the building. This was leafy but not large - perhaps 50 or 60 years old.

There was a great effort to get out votes for Register of Deeds in this place. The number of votes given was 260 for Glauk & 176 for Kellogg - more than have been cast at any meeting since I have been in town. Kellogg is undoubtedly elected. With the powerful aid of Hadley & Amhurst, & the zealous efforts of the lawyers all over the county, he could not but succeed. The workingmen are injudicious managers, and the lawyers can always succeed in breaking their ranks.

Thursday 26. Ahira Lyman & sister Hannah Lyman were married to day. Hophni was sick, & neither I nor wife attended. I had no great desire to go so far as the marriage was concerned. I would not go many rods to see any body married. Apphia & Benimah rode out with brother Hooker & his family; all went to Mr. Lyman's in Easthampton & took tea, & then returned.

My father's family have now all left Westhampton; not one of his descendants remain there. What a changeable world! I recollect well sister Hannah's first marriage; it was about the middle of December 1802 - 31 years ago. A large number of old & young assembled at my father's; it was a severely cold, blustering day & the air was full of snow. The young people all went to brother Lyman's house, where they had their frolic & dance. I preferred to stay at home. The old people that remained had a merry evening, I remember. My uncle Solomon and Doct. Hooker's wife were the most frolicsome of the party. My father & mother were in good health & spirits; they then had 7 children. They and four of these children have gone to the grave.

Sunday 29. Mr. Thompson in the forenoon - Mr. Perry in the afternoon.

Monday, 30. Mr. Kellogg takes his place in the office of Register of Deeds. I was not for him, but am satisfied with him. A very pleasant man, & I shall probably spend many hours with him.

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Wednesday 1. There is to be a new Judge of Probate, which excites some attention among some of us. I called to see Lewis Strong, yesterday, to ascertain whether he would be an applicant; but he has been laid up for six months past, and is afraid that he shall not recover the use of his leg in season to perform the duties. Mr. Forbes of this town, Billings of Hatfield, Boukey of Amherst, Doolittle of Belchertown and probably others are seeking for the office. Mr. Forbes is able & upright, but cold & unfeeling, & without sympathy for man, woman or child. Many of us would prefer Mr. Boukey, if Mr. Strong absolutely declines.

Son Hephni has been sick with something like the quincy for a week or two past. Doct. Mather has visited him twice. Doct. Flint is my usual physician, & has been ever since I have lived in Northampton.

Paid my town & county tax today \$14.20. Paid parish tax \$9.86 last summer. I have subscribed \$10 in Westhampton to pay Mr. Chapin - have a tax there about as much more - besides highway tax there of 4 or 5 dollars. My whole tax including Mr. Chapins, is about \$50.

This is quite too much. Father Hall came in to day - remains here.

Thursday 2. The Hartford Universalist paper sent to me, containing an attack of two columns on my son J. W. Judd, of Hartford.

Friday 3. Letter from Sylvester, who arrived in Hartford from New Haven on 1st inst. - he will spend the vacation in Hartford - says Hall is desirous of going to college to fit for the ministry.

Saturday 4. Sent letter to Sylvester, with bills against people in Hartford amounting to \$19.50 - also \$10 in money. He had \$18 when he went to New Haven in September. All \$27.50. Also bill vs. N. Haven Journal \$2.25.

Sunday 5. Mr. Penney all day. In the afternoon from this text - "This year thou shalt die". After his afternoon sermon, Mr. Williams rose and gave his usual statement of deaths, &c, with some reflections. He stated the deaths in town in 1833 at 58, of which 46 belonged to the first society. Within the year, 107 persons have been recommended from the first church to the Edwards church. Mr. Williams was 81 last July. He is but a skeleton, and never was. His hair is not half as white as mine; he is a little bald - not much.

Wednesday 8. In the evening received a letter from Eliphalet Williams of Boston, stating that on the preceding day (Tuesday afternoon) the representatives & senators from Hampshire County had had a caucus or meeting to select a councillor for this county; that the present councillor Gen. David Mack had 12 votes, and I had 14 votes, & was declared the candidate for this district. Mr. Williams did not like this course, because, as he says, it was treating Mack in a dishonorable manner; he professed to have no objection to me on any other ground. He wished to know my mind on

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Wednesday 8. — on the subject. I wrote back to him that I had no inclination or taste for the office of councillor; that I could not & would not take the office; that this was my determination without regard to Mack; that I was obliged to my friends for this indication of their goodwill, but they were mistaken, if they supposed I should be gratified in being an honorable councillor. Williams said that Oliver Warner of this town, Col. Elisha Edwards of Southampton, & Jesse Hyman of Westhampton were very active for me. It is the spirit of Antimasonry and Workerism that has done this; and had they selected some other man, I should not have been displeased at their efforts.

Thursday 9. Received a letter from Oliver Warner at Boston & wrote to him. Have been to-day saluted as Honorable, as Councillor, &c. They all know that I refused to have any thing to do with it, so their laughing & jokes do not amount to much. In my letter to E. Williams I said nothing about unfitness or incapacity, nor do I in conversation with other people, for I do not think it a proof of great vanity to suppose that I am nearly as well qualified for the office as some of the subservient, imbecile men who have held it. But I have no desire for it. I feel a decided repugnance to every thing of the kind. I wish to be a free man, to be independent — to be where I can think and act as I please, without being trammelled.

Friday 10. Wrote a letter to J. Conkey about judge of probate. Spent some time with Mr. Kellogg, the new register of deeds, as I have on preceding days. He is full of anecdotes and information about things that took place 30 or 40 years ago.

Saturday 11. I learn from the newspapers that there was another rallying of the Hampshire members on Wednesday, when 33 appeared, including senators; and 17 of the 33 went for Mack, giving him one majority. When the senate and house in convention elected councillors on Friday the nationals and some others went for Mack, 325 in number, and 174, mostly antimasons I suppose, voted for me. I care not a fig about these things. I am neither pleased nor displeased.

P.S. Correction. None but national republicans were invited to attend the meeting on Wednesday. 17 attended, and 16 did not attend.

Sunday 12. Mr. Penney all day. I had an unpleasant encounter to-day. Mrs. Watkins' drunken husband came from Ware a day or two

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Sunday 12th since, with an intention to carry off his boy Samuel about 10 years old. Samuel went from my house to meeting with his mother. I and some of my family were two or three rods before them. When we came against Theodore Strong's house, Watkins advanced towards his wife & boy from Strong's corner. The boy ran forward & sought protection from me. Watkins followed; I placed the boy forward of me, & his father attempted to run by me & seize him. He was about half drunk, & by putting out my umbrella to the right & left & behind, I kept him at bay. People were going to meeting, & many stood about the steps & in the porch. In view of all this, I went from T. Strong's to the meeting house; Watkins attempting to get by me, & I keeping him back by turning this way & that with my umbrella; the boy was a little before me in great terror, & pleading for protection. Watkins followed me to the top of the meeting house steps & then went off. He took the stage for Ware the next morning, & did not trouble me again. This transaction was in going to meeting in the afternoon.

Thursday 16. Brother Smith & wife came over & brought father Hall. Uncle Frederic Judd & Mary Ann called here.

My acquaintance with Mr. Kellogg has led me to attend more to the ancient affairs of Hadley; and I have spent some time this week in gaining information; have been at Kellogg's office some evenings until 10 or 11 o'clock. Many Hadley people call there.

The talk in the political world is now about the U.S. bank & the removal of the public money. John Davis is chosen governor of this state, and state affairs are quiet.

Friday 17. Sold my cow to A. Ludden, the butcher. She weighed 676 and at $\frac{1}{2}$ came to \$30.42. I paid Horace Hyman \$10.74 for keeping her on hay & meal 6 weeks & 2 days.

Sunday 19. Went to meeting in the forenoon. Mr. Penney. I staid at home in the afternoon. For several days past; the weather has been moderate, the wind southerly, and the snow has diminished considerably. The sleighing is becoming poor.

Thursday 23. Brother Parsons & Drusilla came in; father Hall went out with them in the evening. There have been many religious meetings in the village the present week - at private houses, town hall and meeting houses. Many people attend.

Sunday 26. Mr. Wheeler, president of Burlington College, in the forenoon and Mr. Penney in the afternoon. Mr. P. appointed meetings, and alluded to the religious attention in the town.

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Tuesday 28. Letter from Sylvester at New Haven. He spent an agreeable vacation in Hartford - was much interested in Hall, since the attraction in his religious character, and in the revival in Hartford.

Friday 31. Mrs. Watkins went to Ware, hearing that her husband was very sick. P.S. She was absent 14 Days - returned Friday Feb. 14.

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Sunday 2. At home in the forenoon. Mr. Penny all day. Was at meeting in the afternoon. House more full than usual. There were meetings in the town every day last week; there is an inclination to hear preaching, and some serious inquirers. Unitarians sneer at these things. Meetings are to be held every day or evening the present week.

Tuesday 4. Letter from Arthura; she is at Greenfield. A bell for the Edwards meeting house was brought yesterday, and to-day it was lifted up into the belfry. It weighs 1826 pounds, it has been rung with the other bells most of the afternoon, & I have been vexed with the noise. Many people have been standing about to see it go up, & to hear its sound.

Friday 7. A letter from Hall. He is much engaged in serious things; and thinks he always shall be. He is anxious to become a preacher of the gospel. There are protracted meetings & much religious attention in Hartford.

Sunday 9. Mr. Penny all day. Meetings appointed for the week. There is to be preaching & prayer on every afternoon and evening through the week. Most of the meetings are held at the Edwards meeting house. Mr. Penny and Mr. Todd go hand in hand.

Monday 10. The pressure for money in the cities, the failures &c. are the subjects of conversation among business people. The U.S. Bank & the deposits are much talked about.

Tuesday 11. In the afternoon spent some hours at Isaac Clark's store. Channey Clark was there. His religious views are as radical as his political. I cannot go to the extent which he does, though I ^{am} not certain that he goes farther than the primitive church did. He is in favor of having females pray & exhort before men.

Wednesday 12. Dea. Enos Clark & Doct. B. Barrett called to converse on religion. Doct. B. made a prayer. Brother Smith came over with Sarah. He went to Westampton. Sarah remains with us.

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Thursday 13. Wrote a letter to Oliver Warner in the Legislature.

A squall yesterday & today between Thos. Shepherd and the Hampshire Bank folks, respecting a remark made by said Shepherd about the bank in a letter published in the Washington Globe. Judge Lyman high enough.

Sunday 16. Mr. Brace, of Newington, Conn. in the forenoon. Mr. Penney in the afternoon. Mr. P. preached without notes. Mr. Brace, who is the father of Mr. Todd's wife, has been here some days, & has preached several times.

Tuesday 18. Brother Hall here from Greenfield. His affairs are in a bad state. Went with him to meeting in the evening at the Edwards meeting house. House full. Mr. Penney preached. Hear that 150 or more have attended an inquiry meeting. There have been social neighborhood meetings appointed.

Wednesday 19. Hawy weather for some days. Sleighing at an end in the villages.

Thursday 20. Spent the evening until 10 o'clock at the Register of Deeds office. Chauncey Clark there. Talk about politics, moneyed aristocracy, religion, &c.

Sunday 23. Mr. Todd in the forenoon. Mr. Penney in the afternoon. The old house is pretty well filled, though not full; learn that the Edwards meeting house has a large number - half full. Meetings on evenings, & in forenoon at different places.

Wednesday 26. Spent some time in Court house. Have much conversation about old times, about Washington, Hamilton, Jefferson Burr Adams, Jay, &c. Kellogg is never weary in talking about the old federalists. Much conversation too about present politics.

Thursday 27 Hear that J. Conkey is appointed judge of probate. This is generally satisfactory, though some are of course displeased.

Friday 28. Letter from Sylvester to C. Parkman. S. is quite engaged in religion and anxious to leave C.P. in earnest.

Brother Smith came over & carried home Sarah.

Chazare Alvord, a poor man & a christian (formerly a drunkard)

Saturday ~~staid~~ with us Friday night, also Saturday night.

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Saturday 1. February has been a mild month. Indeed there has been but little very severe weather during the winter. I have seldom suffered less from cold than during the past winter. There has been considerable good sleighing.

Sunday 2. Mr. Penney all day. Mr. Williams made a prayer at the Sunday School. Meetings were appointed for the week. On some evenings, there is to be two at a time, one in town hall, and one in Edwards meeting house or lecture room. One is for inquirers.

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Wednesday 5. Mrs. Watkins left us to visit her friends in Salisbury Afford, &c. She has been here about 7 months. I have paid her a little over \$30.

I sent 300 dollars to S. J. Edwards, which I received of Cook for his land.

A squall in town against C. P. Huntington because he voted in the legislature against the deposit bank resolutions. Party spirit allows no man to be neutral - permits no man to act independently - he who will not go with his party in all things is abused & vilified. Every party is provided with "collars", & he that will not wear one must be cast out.

Thursday 6. A great noise in the village against Huntington - especially by his old friends. I do not join the proscriptive party.

Saturday 8. A letter from sister Rene Hall. She has been 4 years in Charlotte county, Virginia. Has removed this winter to the vicinity of Charlotte Court House - is in the family of a widow - teaches her three children & three others for \$250 per annum. She is much engaged in religion.

The attention to religion here is extensive, though far from being universal. Mr. Todd has been attending a protracted meeting at Greenfield for four days past. Anethusa writes that there is much seriousness at Greenfield.

Sunday 9. Mr. Penny all day.

Monday 10. Brother Parsons in - says Drusilla has made a bargain with Johnson of Hockanum, to be married soon.

Tuesday 11. Another letter from Sylvester. He is very zealous & urgent on the subject of religion. - Chester Clapp failed to day.

Wednesday 12. Cousin Timothy Clark of Southampton, an intelligent and excellent man, staid with us last night. To-day I went with him & niece Clarissa J. Hyman to the furniture auction of Mr. Cogswell on Round Hill. Had some conversation with my cousin Clarissa (Edwards) wife of Harvey Kirkland who lives on the Hill. For some years, my aunt Clarissa Edwards & her two daughters have not been near me: I offended them grievously the day my uncle Solomon Judd was buried by some remarks at my father's respecting the conduct of Kirkland as a tavern-keeper - his permitting Sunday parties, gambling &c. He then kept a tavern in the western part of this town.

As to auctions, I never purchase any thing at such places, and have not attended an auction with a view of buying any thing since I have lived in Northampton - seldom go near them.

Friday 14. Sisters Betsey & Drusilla came. Drusilla remains with us.

Settled with Elisha Turner to-day. Son Chauncey Parkman went to live with him March 23, 1829. He boarded with me

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- Friday 14 — until Oct. 10. 1831 at \$1.50 per week — has since boarded with Mr. Turner. Mr. Turner allowed for clothing, &c. from March 23. 1829 to Jan. 1. 1831, the sum of \$40 — for 1831, \$25 — for 1832, \$25 — for 1833 \$30.
- Sunday 16. A stranger in the forenoon — Mr. Penney in the afternoon. Clarissa J. Lyman of Drusilla with us over the Sabbath — both about getting married.
- Tuesday 18. Brother H. T. Hooker has failed — or assigned his property. I am not very much surprised, though I knew nothing about his affairs. I went up to see sister Sarah — found her in pretty good spirits. — Drusilla has gone to Greenfield. Received a letter from Hall. Religion is his theme, and he is anxious to become a preacher of the Gospel. He writes that J. W. had a child born on the 14th of March, and all well. So I am a grand-dada. There was a town-meeting yesterday of much contention about selectmen. I did not attend, except to vote once. I avoid all such places when I can — have no taste for such matters. I was chosen one of the School Committee last year, but refused to act — have done my part. This year they chose the three clergymen.
- Wednesday 19. Settled with Francis Pond for the 174 rods of land I sold him last year. Took his note for \$86, dated July 22, 1833. The deed was executed Nov. 22. 1833. He is to build my part of the fence 14 rods and 10 feet.
- Friday 21. Drusilla came from Greenfield; and Arthura came on Saturday.
- Sunday 23. Mr. Penney all day. Some persons propounded for admission to the church, and among them son C. Parkman Jr.
- Monday 24. Father Hall came in.
- Tuesday 25. Court sitting — conversation with several. In the evening had Mr. Penney preach to heads of families who are not church members.
- Thursday 27. Wrote a will for father Hall. Sister Hannah of her husband Asa Lyman visited us; also sister Sarah.
- Sunday 30. Mr. Penney all day. Mr. Williams read the fast proclamation. Many meetings appointed, as usual.

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- Wednesday 2. Wrote letters to Sylvester & Hall. Sent \$20 to Sylvester. Father Hall went to Westhampton.
- Thursday 3. Fast Day. Mr. Penney all — quite animated. In the evening wrote a long letter to Usher Parsons of Providence, in reply to one from him requesting information respecting his ancestors in this town.

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- Sunday 6. Mr. P. all day. Sacrament administered. 8 persons including son C. Parkman, admitted to the church. Weather pleasant, but grass has not yet started. No grain fields.
- Monday 7. Parish meeting. I did not attend. There is not quite so much noise about the deposits. People in this county, though disapproving the president's course, are quiet; and we have had no "distress" meetings.
- Tuesday 8. Had a long conversation with Oliver Warner, one of our representatives, about legislative matters. My neighbor, Elisha Graves, concludes to take his father's homestead at 1600 dollars. Of course, I shall not be driven from his house, which I have occupied almost 8 years.
- Thursday 10. Rev. Josiah Clark of Rutland in town. Spent some time with him. In the evening was with him, Chauncey Clark & others at Isaac Clark's until half past 10. Conversation upon various topics. Chauncey is radical in his notions both of church & state and I am not much behind him. Rev. Josiah is liberal, but does not approve of all our opinions. In my younger years, about 1805, Josiah Clark & Ansel Nash (now a minister in Connecticut) were students at Mr. Hales in Westhampton, & were at the store where I ~~was~~ almost every day. I have ever since entertained a high opinion of Mr. Clark & have had much acquaintance with him.
- Friday 11. In the evening was at Chauncey Clark's until a late hour. Rev. Josiah's wife, Doct. Rodney Starkweather's wife, Isaac Clark's wife, H. K. Starkweather's wife, & Hiram Ferry's wife, and Samuel Clark there. Much conversation on religious politics, &c. Had a long conversation to-day with Jesse Lyman, of W. H. who was representative. These representatives have come home with feelings of independence which I approve. They refused to be led by the nose, and have pretty correct notions as to the rights of the people, & the necessity of the yeomanry's taking care of themselves, regardless of ~~more~~ party ties.
- Sunday 13. Mr. Todd in the forenoon, and Mr. Edwards, a great-grandson of president Edwards, in the afternoon. Mr. E. is about to settle at Rochester, N. Y. over the society of which Mr. Penney was pastor. He is a promising young man. He preached in the evening. Mr. Penney was at Southampton. There was a protracted meeting there last week.
- Wednesday 16. Rode to Gains Clark's, Westhampton, with Chauncey Clark who went out to survey land for Martin Wright & Gains Clark. I crossed the pastures & woods to the house where Asabel Gouch and Ebenezer Gee reside, for the purpose of settling accounts.

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Wednesday 16 — with Gouch. He had an account with my father running from May 1827 to my father's death — had done considerable work for my father on the old farm & elsewhere. His account amounted to \$121.48. My father's account against him, adding to it my newspaper account, amounted to \$50.05. The balance \$71.43. I indorsed on Gouch's note to my father, & dated the indorsement Dec. 1. 1828, because the work was mostly done in 1827 and 1828. Whether G.'s account was correct, I know not — had no means of knowing, though I am unwilling to believe that he would make false charges. — I took dinner with Ebenezer Gee & wife. They were very glad to see me; they were old neighbors of my father, in his younger days; and again after they removed to Westhampton, and have a great respect for the memory of my deceased parents, & not a little regard for their children. In my boyish days Mr. Gee was one of the nearest neighbors, and I was often there playing with Mr. Gee's boys, Chester H. & William. After dinner, I visited the old homestead of my father, the home of my youth, there are so many recollections, both of joy & sorrow, connected with this place, that a visit to it is little Ossian's memory of joy, that are past, "pleasant but mournful to the soul." Chatted with Mrs. Kingsley, her husband not at home. Looked at my sheep in the pasture. No lambs yet. Kingsley building a sawmill on the little brook below the house, where I used to fish first with a crooked pin, afterwards with a hook. Went down across the lots to Gaius Clark's — talked with his wife & her mother Mrs. Claflin — went to the next house, John & Paul Strong used to live, now occupied by Caleb Low Jr. & Alfred Lyman — conversed some with their wives — went down the hill to their new building on the river by the stamping mill falls, so called, & viewed their turning machinery & other machinery — went up the river about 20 or 30 rods to where the old stamping mill, &c stood before the revolutionary war. A large quantity, perhaps 100 tons, of the ore from the lead mine are scattered about here; the brick & stone which were the foundation of a forge or something else remain; the hole dug for the water wheel & a channel from it to the river are not yet filled up; here are large spots on which not a shrub nor a spear of grass grows; in separating the lead from the ore, some poisonous substance was mixed with the soil which still remains & renders the earth perfectly barren. I returned to the house, found Mr. Clark ready to return — rode in with him to his house in South Street — took tea & spent the evening there.

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- Thursday 17. In the afternoon rode to Northampton with Capt. Richard Hale; stopped at the store. Went home with Eleazer Judd & spent the night there. Found aunt Princess bright & active. Eleazer has 9 children - a house-full; and Melissa, daughter of Dr. J. Shilden Judd is there also.
- Friday 18. Stopped at Mr. Hale's. The old gentleman's mind is considerably shattered; his wife retains her vigor of mind & body in a good degree. Called at Mr. Chapin's, & at the store. Dined at Mr. Hale's. In the afternoon visited my house, barn & mowing lots. Eleazer's team getting out manure. The lots look green & rich, but the fences are out of repair. The fence about the pasture back of the meeting house has been plundered by the school-children for fire-wood. Indeed, the boys seem to think that my property may be plundered with impunity, because the owner is absent. The grass, trees &c seem to be as forward on my land as in Northampton. One English cherry in my dooryard was in blossom. Wm. Hooker Jr. of Westfield, Capt. Richard Hale & John A. Judd have formed a co-partnership in trade, button-making, &c. and have purchased the homestead near the meeting house on which E. Norton lived. They occupy my store, and John A. is selling goods to those who cover buttons & others.
- I attempted to settle an old account between Capt. Hale & my father. There was some uncertainty about a \$15 charge, & after much talk, left it when we found it. There was no dispute; the Capt. is honest. My house occupied by Boyden was neat & clean. It is lonely. My father's portrait hangs there when he left it; his clothes hang in the press.
- Eleazer Judd proposes to give me 85 dollars for the use of my mowing & pasturing last year; and offers the same for the present year. Would give more, if I would let him carry off the hay, or have the manure.
- I have paid 10 dollars for my subscription to Mr. Chapin; and have received \$5.89 for my share of the rent coming for the homestead on which Mr. Chapin lives. Had to pay a tax on this share.
- Saturday 19. Staid at brother Parson's last night. In the morning rode to Northampton with him. In the afternoon, Mr. Hawley, printer, of Amherst called to see me. Had some conversation with him in Victor's chamber.
- Sunday 20. Mr. Penney all day.
- Tuesday 22. Daughter Apphia began to go to school to Miss Margaret Dwight about the 1st of December 1832. and has continued to the present time. Today closes a quarter, & closes the school to Apphia. I am not able to pay such tuition bills.

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Tuesday 22. Miss Dwight is an excellent teacher, but her price is too high for me. Apphia has been in her school what she calls 6 quarters, at from \$5.00 to 6.50 per quarter. I have paid for tuition in cash \$33.00 for the 6 quarters, including fuel. Druilla, having nearly finished her preparations for married life, left us today and went to Westhampton.

Wednesday 23. I am this day 45 years old.

Thursday 24. Had a long conversation today with George Bancroft who has returned from Boston, having spent the winter there. A cry of fire on Round Hill - it took in the roof was soon extinguished. The Hill is now left desolate. The school is broken up, & Mr. Cogswell is gone.

Friday 25. Mrs. Watkins came with a man & waggon from Alford; packed up her things & put them in the waggon, and started with her son Samuel for Gt. Barrington, where her mother lives.

Sunday 27. Mr. Penney all day.

Wednesday 30.

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Thursday 1. Was to sell land of my wards today, Hannah B. Hoxie and Sarah A. Edwards, but owing to ~~incompetency~~ inability in not having taken an oath, could not proceed legally, & did nothing.

Alfred Johnson of Hockanum and sister Druilla Hall married today at brother Parsons' Westhampton. Arcthusa was there & Hophni went out on foot. Myself, wife, Apphia, Penimel and C. Parkman at home. ~~Some~~ J. Walker came up from Hartford & brought up Sylvester & Hall; they went directly to Westhampton - after the marriage, came in & carried Apphia over. J. W. Sylvester, Arcthusa & Apphia came home from Hockanum about 10 o'clock in the evening.

Friday 2. Brother Parsons' wife returned from Hockanum this morning. Mr. Duves, of Cummington, member of junior class, Y. College, here to see Sylvester - here at dinner. J. W. left us for Hartford after dinner, & took Apphia with him. I gave him \$3.00.

Oren Kingsley came to settle with me. He owed me 5 notes of \$343 dollars each, equal to 1715 dollars. Took up two of the notes, & paid interest on the other three. Paid as follows:

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| Keeping my sheep a year | 120.00 |
| Paid my taxes at W. H. Thum & Co. | 10.23 |
| Brought note vs. Saml. Edwards | 140.00 |
| Nate Judd & Co Note | 350.00 |
| Cash | 96.67 |
| New note | 72.60 |
| | <u>\$788.90</u> |

Two notes taken up 686.
Interest 1 year to date 41.16
Interest on the 3 notes 61.74
To May 1. 1 year
\$788.90

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Friday 2. Mr. Kingsley's sheep account, for the last year. He took in April 1833, 89 sheep & 8 lambs to keep - had 6 lambs afterwards - in all 103. The present number of sheep (not including this year's lambs) is only 86. Of the 17 missing, 13 have died (most of them in spring & summer of 1833) 2 I sold last fall (for \$4.50) & the dogs have recently killed 2 of my best sheep.

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| Kingsley's charge was: keeping, salting, shearing, &c. 86 sheep at 1.25, | \$ 107.50 |
| " Wintering 6 lambs + 2 rams = 8 | @ 75. 16.00 |
| " Summering 2 sheep I sold | @ 50. 1.00 |
| " Keeping sheep killed by dogs 2 | @ 1.25. 2.50 |
| " Keeping sheep that banded this spring 4 or 5 | 3.00 |
| | <u>\$120.00</u> |

There seems to be a mistake - 6 lambs included twice. (\$4.50 corrected in 1835)

Kingsley's account for labor, &c. the last year - getting out & shearing my mares \$6.24
 shearing & shearing sheep 8.50 (has to shear this spring to make up his account of 120 for last year) Carrying 4 bbs cider to E. Hampton 1.00; bringing load of potatoes to Northampton 1.50; 2 cords of wood \$5.00 = Total \$22.24. This was balanced as follows; - he had 4 barrels of cider \$3.00; 60 bushels poor potatoes 7.50 and I indorsed \$11.74 for his \$50 note for labor & produce. Total \$22.24.
 He paid me for cider \$3.75 & corn 3.00 by a small note in a cash business.

Saturday 3. Sister Betsey came in - some difficulty with father Hall.

Sunday 4. Mr. Penny all day. Mr. Williams made prayer at Sabbath School at night. Mr. Hopkins' 2 son preached in afternoon.

Monday 5. Hall went out to wedding of Clarissa Lyman & Rev. J. H. Bisbee at W. H.

Tuesday 6. Hall returned. John A. Judd moving into my house. Mr. Boyer has moved out - has been there about 6 months. Mr. Hobart, of Yale college, here to see Sylvester. Staid here last night. Belongs to Penn-Yan.

Wednesday 7. At night Geo. Lyman came from Amherst College.

Sunday 11. Mr. Penny all day. Hannah King, a cousin of my mother, died at the poor-house. She fell down stairs & injured herself.

Tuesday 13. We had the following visitors to-day at different hours; - Edward Osborn (lately T. W. Shepard's apprentice) Mr. Butler, member of Yale College, Mr. Jones, member of the Theological Seminary, N. Haven, Cousin Burt Lyman wife of Norwich, Mr. Johnson of Drusilla, Mr. Chapin wife of Westhampton, Melissa Judd & Sheldon Judd children of my deceased cousin Dr. J. Sheldon Judd. Melissa staid over night, & on Wednesday started for Housae, in the stage.

Wednesday 14. Niece Althea Wright & Sarah A. Edwards here. Also sister Betsey. This morning there was a heavy frost & ice. Cold weather. Apple trees in blossom. Wednesday night was a cold, blustering night and some snow fell.

My uncle Luther Edwards of Southampton died on Saturday last aged 78, and was buried on Monday. I did not hear of his death until some time this week.

Thursday 15. Ice this morning 1/4 of an inch thick, or nearly that. Cold & windy. Some snow on the ground. Snow, ice & blossoms together.

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- Friday 16. Ice again this morning. Long talk with Solo. Stoddard at his office.
- Saturday 17. Had a long talk with Chauncy Clark at Isaac's store. He talks as if he intended to become a reformer of religion.
- Sunday 18. Mr. Penny all day. 62 persons were profounded to the church for admission. 134 had before given in their names as intending to unite with the church at some future time, but only 62 were now ready. — 56 persons were added to the Edwards Church 2 or 3 Sundays since. — Meetings have been less frequent for 3 or 4 weeks past, than before, and the religious excitement has abated.
- Wednesday 21. Weather moderate this week. Hall preparing & planting the garden.
- Thursday 22. Sold the land of my wards, Hannah B. Hoxie & Sarah A. Edwards, at auction to day. W. W. Partridge, auctioneer. It was first advertised to be sold on the 1st day of May, but owing to my neglect in taking a certain oath, I was obliged to postpone the sale & advertise again. The north lot, belonging to Hannah B. was bid off by Roswell Hubbard at 11 dollars an acre — supposed to be 57 acres. $57 \times 11 = \$627$, payable Jan 1. 1835 with interest. The south lot belonging Sarah A. was knocked off to Samuel Parsons at $\$11.50$ an acre — called 45 acres. $45 \times 11\frac{1}{2} = \517.50 payable half in one year & stay in two years with interest. Both pieces are to be measured. Both on the knob. Sarah A. paid in addition to this 100 dollars in the homestead, which is to be paid by Atethea or her husband Horace Wright, making her share with the above, $\$617.50$. I sold the land of my other ward last year, April 1833, viz, the land on the east of the old turnpike set off to Sylvester Judd Edwards as his share in his father's real estate. It brought 570 dollars. It was appraised at the same sum as the shares of his sisters, but did not bring so much by about 50 dollars. I have received one half of this & have paid the same to S. J. Edwards, though he was not of age at that time. He arrived at 20, on the 20th inst.
- On Thursday evening, was at Isaac Clark's store with Chauncy Clark & Samuel Parsons.
- Friday 23. Sylvester returned from South Hadley & Hockanum. (Brother Parsons and Betsey here ^{yesterday} & she to Hockanum & back.) In the evening Doc. Mather here to see Peninnah, who is a little unwell. He staid till after 9 — has as many notions as Chauncy Clark about religion — some just, & some doubtful.
- Saturday 24. A smart thunder-shower.

There was a council at Westhampton last week, in regard to a vote of the church some years since, suspending the followers of Truair from the communion. A few who had not left the church thought they ought not to refuse to commune with the suspended persons. The council this week decided that the church ought not to commune with

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Sunday 25. Mr. White of Southampton all day. Mr. Penny gone to Boston to attend religious meetings.

Tuesday 27. Took tea at Isaac Clark's with Thomas M. Hunt of Auburn. Spent evening at John Russell's. Cecil Dwight there. Wife at Hockanum.

Wednesday 28. Afternoon in Court house - one of commissioners on Charles Hooker's estate with Doct. D. Stetbin.

Sylvester started for New Haven on Monday morning. Solomon Strong carried him below Springfield in a stage wagon. Gave him \$25.00.

Friday 30. Went to Pancake plain to see Erastus Clark, and thence north across the fields to the high bank east of Phelps' meadow; continued down Mill river in the woods to the shop opposite the grist mill.

June 1. 1834

Sunday 1. Brother R. Hall came here in the morning from Greenfield; took Arthusa into his wagon, & started for Worcester. He is going to see Gov. Davis, for the purpose getting some relief for H. Leavitt, who is sick in Greenfield Jail.

Mr. Penny all day. 63 persons were received into the church, and about 20 of them were baptised.

Monday 2. S. J. Edwards here. He came down last week. Mr. Chapin of W. H. here. He is in town every Monday.

Tuesday 3. This day paid the balance of a note of 200⁰⁰, which I gave to sister Lyman, May 1. 1831, & which she gave to Clarissa J. her daughter. This debt was made before I came to Northampton. It was about 150 dollars originally, and I have paid in interest about the same sum. Of my old debts, contracted before I came to Northampton only one, or what was one, remains. This was a note to Lewis Strong of 300 dollars, given some 15 years ago, I paid that in 1832 & 1833, but did it by borrowing about the same sum of sisters Irene & Arthusa Hall, which is still due to them.

Brother Johnson & Drusilla here. Apphia returned from Hartford.

Wednesday 4. Son Hall, having piled up the wood & made the garden, began this day to attend the Academy at Hadley. He is studying Latin & boards at home. I paid \$1.00 for the bridge toll & quarter \$3.50 for tuition.

Rambled to-day through Phelps' meadow & about Rust's meadow on Mill river, went out to Pancake plain, across the woods & fields to Rocky Hill brook, & on to the Park hill road - Jona. Strong came along - rode with him to his Park hill pasture & returned with him.

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- Friday 6. Another ramble - up the old rocky hill road across
Old Hatfield division to the East Hampton road by the
pine grove. Rode back with Agarich Clapp.
- Saturday 7. Arctura returns from Greenfield. I had some trouble
about getting money at the bank for brother Hall.
- Sunday 8. A stranger in the forenoon. Mr. P. in the afternoon.
- Monday 9. Mr. Winslow, missionary from Caylon, discoursed at
the Town-Hall in the evening.
- Tuesday 10. In the evening at Charles Starkweather's with Ch. Clark,
- Wednesday 11. Brother Hall here from Greenfield with Miss Field. Got
a note discounted at the Hampshire Bank for him, myself
& Wm. Hooker, Jr. as sureties for him \$600.
Assigned a mortgage deed, given to me by Nathaniel Edwards,
my nephew, to Samuel Hinckley, who has another mortgage
on the top of mine. Hinckley paid me \$82.29 for principal & interest.
Paid to Hampshire Bank \$250, a note I gave to Howard Lathrop.
Paid to Tappan Whitney & Co a note \$108.75 principal, which I
gave in June 1833 for Hannah B. Edwards; also interest \$5.62.
In the evening at Samuel Parsons'. Many visitors there.
- Sunday 15. Mr. Hopkins of Montpelier, Vt. in the forenoon; Mr. Penny A.M.
- Tuesday 17. In the evening, heard an address by W. P. Huntington
of Hadley on Slavery, at the town-hall. He is an abolitionist
but his doctrines do not displease many here.
- Wednesday 18. Much talk about the mismanagement in the general
post-office. I have some disputes with postmaster Shepherd.
- Thursday 19. My taxes this year in N.H. Town \$16.18; Parish 10.54.
I am taxed here in the parish tax for my West Hampton estate.
Have paid parish tax. My tax as guardian of the Edwards children
is: Town \$4.80; Parish \$2.45. The latter paid.
- Friday 20. Went down towards Middle meadow with Wm. Clark Jr.; also up
to the highland west of Phelps' meadow; to see his grass growing
which was sown in his new way. It looks well.
- Saturday 21. C. Parkman returned from Hartford, having been absent a week.
Arctura left us for South Hadley.
News of the death of Gen. Lafayette received.
- Sunday 22. Mr. (a young man) in the forenoon. Mr. — from Lane Seminary
near Cincinnati in the afternoon. He wants funds to be preached
on the state of things at the west, the catholics, &c. A similar dis-
course was delivered here on Sunday evening, June 15, by Mr. Jewett
who is connected with an Institution at Marietta.
- Friday 27. Gave up to Francis Dowd his note for \$86 and interest \$4.00, & paid him
\$10 in money. Took of him in exchange a note against Medad King
collected King for \$100, payable May 1. 1835.
Mrs. Hunt of Cumington here on Monday & Tuesday.

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Saturday 28. Spent some hours at Widow Levi Clark's, among old papers of Noah Clark.

Sunday 29 Mr Penney all day.

Monday 30. Cousin Warham Burt here.

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Tuesday 1. Roxana & Sarah Hunt here on a visit. I spent the evening at Isaac Clark's.

Wednesday 2.

Friday 4. Independence. The boys were firing most of the preceding night and the bells & cannon made a racket in the morning, noon & night. In other respects it was pretty still day. Most people were in their usual occupations.

Sunday 6. Mr. Penney in the forenoon; a young man P.M. 18 or 20 persons propounded to the church. Extremely warm weather, some days. Haymakers busy. Corn & adventures very fast.

Thursday 10. At Samuel Parsons in the evening - gave him a deed for the land of Sarah A. Edwards & took his note dated May 22 for \$515.62. The quantity of her land proved to be 44 acres of 134 rods, at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ = 515.62.

Friday 11. Rode with Mr. Stoddard in the forenoon to his mowing lot in the old "forlorn", & to his black pole land. Examined pictures and other things at his house, which his son Solomon brought from Europe. In the evening, was at Samuel Clark's with Isaac & Chauncy. Terrible Riots in New York.

Saturday 13. Mr. Whelpley all day. Mr. Penney has gone, & will be absent some weeks.

Monday 14. The New York riots produced much conversation and some disputing. I take the side of the law against violence & intolerance. The anti-slavery people have been misrepresented & calumniated.

Tuesday 15. In the evening, at Isaac Clark's. He and I agree in regard to parties in New York. This was the topic of the evening. Warm weather this week with showers.

Sunday 20. Mr. Whelpley all day.

Wednesday 23. In the evening at Samuel Clark's & Chauncy Clark's with Isaac. The abolition society N.Y. riots, &c are themes of conversation. The longer I live the less confidence I have in men, as being governed by any just principles. Interest sways the world, including in the term not only pecuniary interest, but distinction, fame, self-gratification & self-glorification. Disinterestedness is a good thing to talk about, but where is it to be found? Hot weather.

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Sunday, 27. Mr. Whelpley all day.

Tuesday 29. In the evening at Ch. Starkweather's of Ch. Clark's.

Wednesday 30. In the evening at Isaac Clark's.

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Sunday 3. Mr. Penny all day.

Monday 5. Talked with old Gen. Mattoon of Amherst - an old friend of my father's. He is in good spirits but totally blind. Ezra Starkweather of Worthington, another old patriot, & a friend of my father, died July 27. Eleazar & John A. Judd here - Eleazar has paid me only \$35 towards last year's rent - cannot get his pay of E. C. Hunt for an ox sold him.

Wednesday 6. W. A. Hawley of Amherst here - made an arrangement with him to print the paper - agreement not very definite. At Isaac Clark's in the evening.

Johnson & Drusilla here in the morning - carried off Penimack.

Saturday 9. Mr. Brackenridge here with 2 African boys - a meeting in the afternoon - Mr. B. advocated the colonization scheme, especially that of Maryland, & spoke against the abolition scheme & as some thought, misrepresented their views. Strong feeling, I may say, great indignation, was produced. Elephelt Williams, Oliver Warner, Deac. Enos Clark & others were highly excited.

Sunday 10. Mr. Brackenridge in the forenoon; Mr. Penny in the afternoon. In the evening another colonization meeting in the old meetinghouse. Mr. Huntington of Hadley, attempted to speak for abolition but was prevented. He was angry - and the meeting was somewhat disturbed. Strong feeling manifested. I did not attend either meeting.

Tuesday 12. Long talk with Geo. Bancroft. He is in conversation very democratic. In the evening at Isaac Clark's with Chauncy. Conversation about negroes & slavery. This is the topic every where just now. I am rather an abolitionist, but it is more from sympathy with an abused & slandered party, than from confidence in their scheme. Hot weather continues - has been very warm for weeks.

Wednesday 13. News of mob at Charlestown & destruction of runaway.

Thursday 14. In the evening heard Mr. Bancroft's address. A heavy storm at the north. Whirlwind in Gunnington, Gosken, Whately, &c.

Sunday 17. Mr. Penny all day. Mr. Williams made prayer at Sunday school.

Tuesday 19. Court in session. At Isaac Clark's in the evening.

Wednesday 20. Caravan of Animals here; I and all the family went to see them. A great concourse of people of both sexes.

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Friday 22. Walked with Arthura through the meadows to Hockanum, to visit bro. Johnson & Drusilla. Brother Smith & wife, Moses & Joseph Marsh & wives of Hadley, and Mr. Johnson's father & mother ^{& brother} were there. Had a good visit. Took a ride through Hockanum meadow to the extreme, or west end.

Sunday 24. Mr. Penny all day.

Monday 25. Towards night, son J. W. wife & child, & son Sylvester, arrived from Hartford. Grandm looks bright & fair.

Tuesday 26. Rode to Amherst with Mr. Bancroft. Visited the college library, & examined Dorneday Book a little. Heard Mr. Verplanck's address - sound but not interesting. Examined the village some, & called upon Mr. Hawley at Adam's store. Went out by the new straight road, & returned by the north road. I am 45 years old, & have lived always only a few miles from Amherst, yet I was never in the town before! except on the old bay road to Boston. It is a beautiful agricultural town. Mr. Bancroft quite talkative, & quite democratic in his notions.

Wednesday 27. J. W. Sylvester, Hall, & Arthura went to Commencement at Amherst in the carriage that J. W. came up in. In the latter part of afternoon, Mr. Bisbee & Clarissa & brother Johnson & Drusilla visited here. I assisted in appraising the estate of wid. Catherine Groves with Lyman Parsons & E. State.

Thursday 28. In the afternoon, visited at Oliver Warner's with Geo. Shepard & wife & Hiram Perry. Found there Jesse Lyman & wife and Eleah Bridgman & wife from Westhampton. Joseph Warner & wife came, & Solomon Warner. Examined Oliver's farm; also the mound in Broughton's meadow - called upon the old gentleman, Joseph Warner, about 83 years old. A good visit.

Friday 29. In the forenoon, J. W. & wife & I & wife went out to Easthampton to visit brother Alvin Lyman & sister Hannah & sister Sarah. Arthura & Hall came after dinner. Mr. Bisbee & wife were there. Examined the meadow on the Alanhan from Pomroy's old meadow down to the bridge or end - the canal - the new mill building by Lyman's son of Isaac Clapp, the rocks below the mill dam, &c. Lyman has a full run of every thing. After tea, at which we had a pretty numerous Judd party, came home by Park Hill.

Saturday 30. J. W. Parkman & Hopkin started for Cummington. Mr. Hawley over from Amherst; examined materials in office, and we made some inquiry about a room to print in. Apphia was sick last night & young Doct. Flint was here in the night. She is comfortable to-day.

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Sunday 31. Mr. Penney all day. Mr. Reed, of England, preached in the evening.

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Monday 1. The Cummington party returned. We almost all took tea at Brother Hooker's. He not there.

Tuesday 2. Arctura went to Westhampton, to begin a young ladies' school there. At Isaac Clark's store in the evening. Conversation about slavery, abolition, &c.

Wednesday 3. J. W. wife, my wife & Pansimah went to Westhampton. Wrote a long letter to Mr. Usher Parsons of Providence, about the old Parsons families. Received a letter from him.

Thursday 4. The Westhampton party returned. Roxana & Sarah Hunt; is Sarah & Sarah A. Edwards visited here. To-day Hall began a second quarter at Hadley Academy - paid \$3.50 for tuition & \$1.00 for crossing the bridge.

Friday 5. Some rain - all staid at home. To-day received a note of Roswell Hubbard for \$638.68, for land of Hannah B. Hoxie sold to him 22^d of May last. Note dated 22^d May. Gave him a deed. Land measured 58 acres, 10 rods at \$11.

Saturday 6. J. Walker, wife & child started for Hartford this morning. Made up my accounts with my nephew & ward, S. J. Edwards of Greenfield, in order to close my accounts as guardian.

Have paid him for rent of land & money received, at four different times as per small book, \$25.00, \$25.00, \$25.00, & \$21.92. } 96.92

" " for half the amount of his land sold \$285.00 } 285.00
Interest on do. 13.83 } 298.83

Ready to pay for other half of the sum for which land sold 285.00 } 285.00
Interest on do. --- 24.29 } 309.29

" " for Legacy given him by my father 163.00 } 163.00
Due Sept. 19 - Deduct interest 13 days 35 } 162.65
\$867.69

Have enclosed the two last sums, 309.29 and 162.65 to send to him next week. The expenses are deducted from the account, leaving the 96.92. The legacy of \$5 from his grandfather Edwards is included in that account. Have charged him nothing for trouble but a little interest received for 8 dolls.

Sunday 7. Mr. Penney all day. Some rain.

Wednesday 10. Workingmen's convention here; had conversation with many of them, but kept aloof. Heard Mr. O. Warner's address. Elisha Edwards of S.H. & Daniel Phelps of Bel. nominated for senators.

Thursday 11. Convention continued - County members gone - but few left. The free nominated S. C. Allen for governor. In the evening Dr. Douglass of Boston delivered an address - warm - radical and some remarks a little infidel.

Sunday 14. Mr. Penney all day.

I wrote another letter, the third, to Usher Parsons last week.

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- Monday 15. Received a line from S. J. Edwards - he received the 472 dollars which I sent; and enclosed to me a receipt in full which I had written, discharging me from all obligation as guardian & executor of my father's will.
- Tuesday 16. Elazar ~~Edwards~~ here - stays over night as he has often done before. A poor man.
- Wednesday 17. Brother Hall's note at the Bank renewed for \$400 - Col. Hooker and myself sureties. Note dated Sept. 13 - did not come until to-day I am assailed because I said something in the paper favorable to the working-men. The spirit of aristocracy belongs to human nature and may be found in this country as well as in all others.
- Received a letter from Usher Parsons, enclosing 10 dollars for my trouble. I have spent, perhaps, 40 or 50 days in my researches & inquiries for him, & am writing - but expected nothing. If he is wealthy, I shall keep the money; if not, I shall return it.
- Friday 19. It is two years since the death of my father.
- Sunday 21. Mr. Penny all day.
- Supreme Court here this week - law term. I come in contact with many lawyers; & have some good natured disputes. They consider me rather radical.
- Thursday 25. Cousin Timothy Clark here - thinks some of removing to N.H. - has sold in S.H.
- Saturday 27. Arthur & father Hall came in - will stay over Sunday.
- The wife of Isaac Clark died this evening - has been unwell several months. She was an amiable, intelligent woman, & in my calls at Mr. Clark's she was always kind, sociable, interesting.
- Sunday 28. Mr. Timothy Dwight in the forenoon preached Taylorism; Mr. Hopkins of Montpelier in the afternoon preached Calvinism.
- Monday 29. Sylvester started this morning for New Haven. I gave him 33 dollars.
- He has had in money (under clothing &c) since he entered college, as in preceding pages: - \$72.69 + 49.75 + 20.00 + 25.00 + 33.00. In all \$200.44 - These sums only balance his accounts for two years, or to the end of the last term. His tuition is gratuitous. He boards for about \$1.00 per week. A severe cutting frost on Monday night - the first killing frost this season.
- Tuesday 30. In the evening at Chauncy Clark's and Ch. Starkweather's.

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- Wednesday 1. Some of us have concluded to write a letter to Geo. Bancroft requesting a disclosure of his opinions, for publication. I headed the signatures, and Doct. J. H. Flint. Samuel Parsons, Ch. Clark C. P. Huntington, & John Wright followed. We asked for no more names.

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Thursday 2. Spent most of the day over Mr. Bancroft's manuscript—correcting & making it more plain for the compositor—persuaded him to make some alterations and omissions. After all, it is quite radical enough. It will raise a breeze, & one against me. If I was sordid & selfish enough, I should let such things alone; I usually consult my principles & feelings, & act in opposition to my pecuniary interest. He who regards money-making alone, will do well to court the aristocracy, & act in accordance with their views.— Mr. B. is book-wise, but not always practically wise. Mr. Hawley over from Amherst—hired the 2^d story of Judge Lyman's (near ~~Wintons~~) store for our printing office. Rode with Wm. Clark, Jr. to see his corn, clover, &c. at Blackpole, Phelps' meadow, &c. Brother Johnson & wife here in the evening.

Friday 3. More time spent on Bancroft's manuscript with him—made him alter it in several places.

Sunday 5. Sacramento. Mr. Penney in the forenoon. In the afternoon Mr. Spencer, our former minister, from Brooklyn, N.Y., preached. He preached at the Edwards meeting house in the forenoon. I always liked Mr. S. as a preacher. He was imprudent in conversation. Mr. Spencer's mother was a daughter of Gershom Sheldon & a cousin of my father.

Another tremendous frost on Sunday night.

Wednesday 8. A tremendous uproar about Bancroft's Letter—all the purse-proud in the village & all their dependents & hangers-on, & some others who are afraid of their own shadows, denounce Bancroft. They do not attempt to refute his arguments, but accuse him of insincerity, hypocrisy, office seeking, preaching contrary to his practice, &c. This is just what I expected. Probably there is some ground for the charge of his theory & practice being at variance in some particulars.— Hall went to Westhampton, Ga. Brother Abner Lyman & wife came in in the evening from Lowell and staid with us over night. Eleazer Mowd here over night.

Thursday 9. Meeting of the four County Religious Societies, in the afternoon. Was at Ch. Starkweather's & Ch. Clark's in the evening.

Friday 10. Ascertain that Shepherd & the Jackson men are against Bancroft, and are contriving to bring up Oliver Warner for congress.

Sunday 12. Mr. Penney all day. Mr. Williams has been sick two or three weeks & will not live long.— On Sunday, Oct. 5. Mr. Hale attempted to preach at Westhampton, but failed before he had got half through. This is probably his last effort in the pulpit.

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Wednesday 15. Convention at West Springfield nominate Oliver Warner for congress, and neglect Bancroft. Hear that Bancroft was at Springfield, and did not conduct judiciously. His personal efforts in his own cause were against him. With all his talents & learning, he lacks some things. His rich connexions operate against him. He is where I forewarned him he would be:—the aristocracy are deadly hostile, & he has not the confidence of others. But his sentiments are true & just. Whig convention at Springfield nominate W. B. Calhoun.

Thursday 16. Whig convention at N. H. nominate M. Lawrence & E. Williams, Senators. These conventions of all sorts are mere shams; and little men & great men when they become office-seekers are very much alike. There is no honesty in the politics of this country; at least none in electioneering. It is all trickery & management. Lecture on Phrenology by Mr. Gray in the evening; after that spent an hour or two at Isaac Blank's with Chauncy.

Friday 17 Mr. Bancroft came home—had a long talk with him—told him what his opposers said about his personal indiscretions & foibles, while at Springfield.

I have some disputes with the leading whigs—I maintain that Bancroft's sentiments in his letter are correct, but admit that his personal efforts are indiscreet, & sometimes foolish.

Sunday 19. Mr. Penny all day. Rainy.

A pleasant week; indeed the autumn has been thus far very mild & comfortable. Much talk about politics. I am suspected of Jacksonism and all other isms, because I do not choose to put on the whig-collar & do their dirty work. It was just so two years ago.

Wrote a 2d letter to Mr. Richard Beebe of West Springfield in reply to his, asking information respecting some ancient families. Received another letter from Mr. Usher Parsons of Providence. Mr. Wm. A. Hawley came over on Friday & began to prepare the rooms (chamber of Judge Hyman's brick store) for a printing office.

Mr. Bancroft having been assailed with great violence in the Courier (by Geo. Ashmun of Springfield) has prepared an article for that paper, carrying out his Democratic principles. I examined it with him, & made several alterations. My doctrine, & my advice to him is, to avoid sophistry, & advance no principle which cannot be sustained by sound reasoning; to make no statement which he would be unwilling to defend next year, or ten years hence. I abhor trickery. Mr. B. is not a candidate for congress.

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Sunday 26. A stranger in the forenoon & Mr Penney in the afternoon. Mr. Williams remains low & declining; shall never see him in the pulpit again. A cold, rainy day of a very thin meeting. The trees covered with ice.

Mr. Hawley staid with us over the Sabbath.

Monday 27. Hear that my aunt Princess Judd (widow of Solomon) died yesterday - a most excellent woman.

Tuesday 28. Hall, wife & Sister Sarah went to the funeral; I could not go. Wife & Sister made a short visit to aunt Clarissa Edwards when they returned. She is with her son-in-law Hervey Kirkland. In the evening I was at Chauncey Clark's.

Wednesday 29. Mr. Hawley removed the printing materials from the old office to the new one, & got things ready for printing. When I came here in 1822, the printing office was in Wm. Butler's old shop, Pleasant-street, & remained there until 1823 or 4, when it was removed to the building back of the Tower Hall, when it has ever since remained until now. I first hired Hiram Ferry to print the paper, or rather to superintend it, & paid him \$7 per week. In 1823 I hired T. W. Shepard to print it & furnish all labor, room, ink, &c. I began by giving about 650 dollars, & let him have all the job-work. The paper was enlarged, & the number of subscribers greatly increased, & he advanced his price until I paid him about 1000 dollars per year. In 1832 he left, and I hired John Metcalf - paid him over 900 dollars first year, and he advanced the price to \$20 per week or \$1040 per year for 1834. I have had no difficulty with either of these men, Ferry, Shepard & Metcalf. I have now the fourth, Hawley, and how we shall get along remains to be seen.

Politics rage this week. The whigs dislike my course of our loved things. There is no love lost between us, for I dislike, not them, but their arrogant, domineering spirit in politics.

Thursday 30. Wool-growers meeting in Chesterfield. Politics, I find, have something to do with this meeting.

Friday 31. At Chauncey Clark's in the evening. He has been writing something for the paper; I dislike his article, & he is not altogether pleased with my remarks.

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Saturday 1. Gave notes to Howard Lathrop payable at the Hampshire Bank - one of 250 for 3 months & one of 250 for six months - for paper.

Sunday 2. Mr. Penney all day. Mr. Williams still living, but very low.

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Tuesday 4. In the office all day & evening - much behind the usual time of printing, in consequence of new office, new hands, &c Politics rage. The whigs are making a desperate effort against Oliver Warner & will probably succeed. Their opponents are wide awake too - have put out two violent handbills with "hugo-paw", &c on the top.

Wednesday 5. All politics. The whigs say some hard things of me, but do not quite like to declare open war. The truth is, these whigs, especially the leading ones, are so intolerant & overbearing that I should not much regret their fall. Neither have I much respect for the Jackson manoeuvring, which I see. I think the antismasons as honest as any party, & they have no honesty to spare. The electioneering arts which I witness among all parties are detestable.

Saturday 8. Handbills are plenty, & the whole county is flooded. The whigs are running in every direction, & are evidently making considerable impression.

Sunday 9. Mr. Penny absent. Mr. Gates of Amherst all day. An old fashioned preacher. Mr. Williams, our venerable senior pastor, died this morning.

In the evening, the whigs had a political meeting in the town-hall, & Forbes, Bates, Dewey, Strong, &c came out in flaming speeches against Oliver Warner & others. They made the people believe that all opposed to the whigs were Jackson men, & that the workingmen were the tools of Boston infidels. The gullibility of the people was never more conspicuous; sophistry & declamation were never more successful.

Monday 10. Town meeting. Almost all the people seem to be on one side. Trinitarians & Unitarians, sober men & drunkards were in concord. The whigs carried all before them, and in the evening fired cannon & rung the bells to testify their joy.

Tuesday 12. It appears that all the state have gone one way. About half the antismasons, supposing their work against masonry was accomplished, joined the whigs, & this gives them a great predominance in the state. We shall soon have only two parties in the state, the whigs and Jackson men. The former more aristocratic, the latter more popular or democratic, but containing more unprincipled men. The Democratic party will increase & get the upper hand in a few years. This party is always on the increase, except when checked by bad measures of Democratic rulers. It is now predominant in the Union.

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Thursday 13. Mr. Williams was buried this afternoon. Funeral at the meeting house. House full. The corpse stood in the porch. There was no uncommon pageantry or parade. Dr. Humphreys made the first prayer; Mr. Penney preached a good sermon from these words: "Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live forever?" The same text that Mr. Hale preached from at my grandfather Judd's funeral in 1803, as I well remember. Mr. P. closed with a biographical sketch. Mr. Todd made the last prayer. Mr. Williams was not a great man, & his knowledge of mankind was imperfect; yet he was a man of great simplicity of character - sincere, devoted to his work, kind in his feelings, a peace maker. Many laughed about his oddities & blunders, but all esteemed him, and no one suspected him of doing any wrong intentionally. In his sermons & prayers, he was often comprehensive & pithy - inclined to use short sentences. He was a lean, small man; with small features; his face indicated nothing remarkable. He wore short breeches & boots, and his legs looked like sticks. His hair was only partially white, & was not all gone ^{even} on the top of his head. I used to meet him frequently in the streets; & always had some conversation. His views were somewhat limited; he was unsuspicious, & believed what he read in his favorite paper. I have often smiled at some of his remarks, yet I always respected him for his sincerity, kind-heartedness & piety. He has been a faithful pastor for 56 years, and retained the affection of his people, & of those who had separated from his society. He was a son of Rev. Elisha L. Williams of East Hartford, and ~~was~~ was born July 25, 1752. My two youngest children were baptised by him.

Sunday 16. Mr. Penney all day. A cold day.

Tuesday 18. Letter from Sylvester. He has engaged a school at Upper Middletown.

The working men of anti-masons are rather chop-fallen since the election. The result was unexpected. A cry of Jacksonism is raised against me. I let it work. I could not be a Jackson man, but I would as soon be one as become a raving whig. I dislike them both. Have had a long talk with Lewis Strong - He has much of the old federal feeling. Men of all parties are duped, & love to be duped.

Wednesday 19. Hall & Hophorn went to Westhampton, & brought in about 5 bushels of little apples, all that my orchard produced of winter apples. Apples are selling here at \$1.00 a bushel. Court-week. Talk with many. There is an inclination to Jacksonism among those who have been abused & vilified during the late electornering campaign.

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Friday 21. Sent off a box of books, clothing, &c. to Sylvester, who expects to open a school at Upper Middleton about the first of December. Wages \$22 per month & board. Sent him \$5 in money.

Mr. Hubbard paid me \$400 on note for Hannah B. Hoxie, and I deposited it in Hampshire Bank. This was done the 8th inst. I think.

This day, Samuel Edwards paid me \$80 on his note.

Eleazar Judd owes me \$50 on last year's rent, but I have a note of his \$15 against Jabez Funch.

Sunday 23. Mr. Penney in the forenoon. Mr. Mather for the Education Society in the afternoon - and a contribution.

Tuesday 25. Rev. H. Ford of Williamsburg buried.

Wednesday 26. In the evening at Mr. Starkweather's. C. Clark there.

Thursday 27. Thanksgiving day. Meeting rather thin. Heard some shooting among the boys. Mr. Penney preached against the vices & evils of the times, & took care to censure the "workingmen" here, & echoed some of the political slang about infidelity, though not very pointedly. His head is evidently in a bag on this subject, & he has swallowed the stories of the whigs got up for political effect. Ministers are wretched politicians, & always were.

At dinner, had only myself, wife, Hall, Apphia, Pinnuck. C. Parkman came afterwards. Hophrie was at sister Hooker's. How different is this from the old Thanksgivings at my father's! when a housefull assembled under the paternal roof! How changed is every thing from former days! My father & mother, brother & sister moulder in the dust - my home is broken up, my children are scattered - I have no attachment to any particular place - I am afloat, as it were, in the world.

In the evening, I and sister Sarah went across lots to Round Hill, to visit aunt Clarissa Edwards, who lives with her children, Henry Kirkland & his wife Clarissa. Aunt is now 70 years old and feeble. We had a pleasant visit. My aunt, residing on Round Hill, separated from all the companions of her younger & later years, reminds me again of the changes of the world. How deeply impressed on my mind are the scenes of my early years, when I used to visit the house of my grandfather at Southampton, where I always saw aunt Clarissa, then an old maid, but lively, intelligent & kind. The old house of my grandfather is now occupied by strangers, as well as the house of my father - and I may say, my own.

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Friday 28. Yesterday & today Dry, pleasant days, though cool. It used to be said that Thanksgiving, & day after, were generally sloppy & unpleasant.

Sunday 30. Mr. Penney in the forenoon. No meeting in the afternoon because of the Eclipse of the sun, except the Edwards church had a meeting after 3 o'clock. The eclipse came on and went off according to the predictions; and I and my family observed it through smoked glasses. About $7/8$ ($10\frac{1}{2}$ digits) of the sun were obscured, & a shining crescent, like a new moon, was left. There was obscurity, not darkness, of all nature presented a sombre, sickly aspect. No stars were seen. I recollect well the total eclipse in June 1806 - I was at the store in Westhampton. The eclipse of today & that of Feb'y 1831 are not to be compared to that of 1806. Weather still pleasant. The whole autumn has been mild and agreeable, though dry.

December 1834.

Thursday 4. Hall began his 3d quarter at Hadley Academy. I paid \$3.50 for tuition & \$1.00 for bridge toll.

I was at Isaac Clarke in the evening of Wednesday.

Friday 5. Sister Sarah was here this evening - went home with her. Much talk among the Jackson men & workmen about having a new paper. They wish to get me to take up their cause in part.

Saturday 6. Rain & some snow.

Sunday 7. Mr. Penney all day. Some Influenza coughing in the meeting house.

Tuesday 9. Took up my old notes to Arctura & gave her a new note for \$215, including \$44 now borrowed of her. She went to Westhampton to keep school another quarter.

Settled with nephew Nathaniel Edwards & paid him \$45, all that I owed him. The property left him by his father (and some from grand-parents) ^{was} worth 600 or 700 dollars, and he is not probably now worth 10 dollars.

Mild weather still. Agreed to sell 9 wethers to O. Kingsley.

Wednesday 10. Cousin Timothy Clark writing in the Register of Probate Office. Had some conversation with him about buying Gazette establishment. C. P. Huntington asked me about selling it.

Thursday 10. Aunt Clarissa Edwards came down & staid with us through the day. After nine o'clock I carried her home in a waggon.

Friday 12. Much talk about selling the Gazette. The democratic party are afraid it is going into whig hands.

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Saturday 13. Still talking with Clark, Huntington, Hawley &c about selling Gazette. Workmen are alarmed, fearing that Clark will get it.

Sunday 14. Mr. Penny all day. I staid at home in afternoon. A very cold day.

Monday 15. In the morning, the thermometer was 8 degrees below 0.

Wednesday 17. I paid sister Sarah \$15 - this is the sum that I agreed to give her for one fourth part (her share) of my father's library. Much talk this week about selling Gazette. Clark finally declined, & Huntington agreed to give me \$2000 for it.

Saturday 20. Went to South-street to consult with Chauncy Clark in regard to the affairs of widow Lydia Bartlett & her daughter Lydia Strong. Widow B. requested my aid, as she has often done before.

Sunday 21. Mr. Brace in the forenoon, Mr. Penny P.M.

Monday 22. These working men & Jackson men are determined to have a press of their own; they had a meeting on the subject this evening, & have had meetings before. I have advised them to this course, but have always told them that sacrifices must be made; that they would probably sink \$500 the first year.

Tuesday 23. Letter from Sylvester; he is very pleasantly employed & situated at Upper Middletown.

Last week, the old Springfield records were at Mr. Turner's to be bound; I borrowed some of them & spent several nights until two or three o'clock A.M. in gathering something from them. They have furnished me with materials which I am using the present week.

Thursday 25. There is snow several inches deep this morning; the first of any depth that has fallen this winter.

The Episcopalians have had no preaching for a long time, but they had their flummery last evening & to-day. It did not seem to attract much attention. I was never in their church.

Sunday 28. Mr Todd in the forenoon & Mr. Penny in the afternoon.

Tuesday 30. Snow fell last night & this forenoon about 18 inches deep. The roads are all blocked up.

I finished to day my labors with the Hampshire Gazette and bidd adieu to my readers.

Wednesday 31. I received this day two notes signed by C.P. Huntington and his father Rev. Dan Huntington, for 1000 dollars each and gave C.P.H. a bill of sale of the Hampshire Gazette establishment. One note payable Jan. 1. 1836 & one Jan. 1. 1837.

Last week on Friday, at the sale of George Strong's estate, I bid off the homestead for \$70. I did it not for myself but for Laura Bartlett. Samuel Edwards paid me the rest of his note \$60, & interest \$5.20.

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Thursday 1. The old year has departed with all its hopes & fears, joys & sorrows. The new year finds me disengaged from the employment of editing the Hampshire Gazette, in which I have been engaged 12 years & 9 months. I am now afloat in the world, without any definite plan as to my future course. Whether I have been wise or foolish in disposing of the Gazette, is a question yet to be decided; with my present opinions & feelings, I of course think I have acted rightly. The truth is, I have become too skeptical in politics to be the conductor of a public press; I have but little confidence in politics, parties, and politicians; I dislike high-whiggism & high-jacksonism & cannot go with either. I cannot be a strong party man in reference to either of the great parties which distract the nation. Besides, my principles have long been decidedly Democratic, (or radical, as some choose to call them), and in this respect, in advance of my readers. If whiggism was Democracy, or the power of the people exerted for their own benefit, I should be a whig; if Jacksonism was democracy, I should be a Jackson man. But at present I can be neither one nor the other; I see things in both to approve, & in both to condemn. There is perhaps more of the spirit of democracy in the Jackson party than in the other; but neither has so much regard to the public good, as to other considerations. The whigs are aristocratic in theory & practice to some extent; the Jackson men are democratic in theory, but often the contrary in practice. There is no honesty in the electioneering politics of this country, & a great want of honesty in the measures of legislative bodies.

I have no reason to complain of the people of this county as wanting confidence in me, or my paper. They have adhered to me, to the last, & I hear many regrets expressed at my relinquishing the editorship. When I commenced the management of the paper, April 1822, the number of papers printed was only 44 quires, or 1056 papers. The number of subscribers soon began to increase, & went up by degrees to 1200, 1400, 1600, 1800, & on to over 2000 in 5 or 6 years. The establishment of another paper here 5 or 6 years since (the Courier) and other causes reduced my list to about 75 or 76 quires, a little over 1800. In 1832, the cholera year, the subscribers increased again, & went higher than ever - about 86 quires, or 2064 papers. They declined in 1833 and 1834. When Mr. Hawley began to print the paper, the first week in November, 1834, he printed

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Thursdays—78 quires, and when I sold the establishment, the number printed was 77 quires or 1848 papers— which is a higher number than was printed the latter part of 1831 & beginning of 1832. The exchange papers, those given away, kept on file, &c. have commonly amounted to about 100; of course the number of subscribers has been about 100 less than the numbers I have stated, from 1822 to the present time. My antimasonic course in 1832, my democracy then, and before & since that time, & signing the late electioneering campaign, have driven from me most of the leading politicians in the county; they want a one-sided paper to write up their other party, & to denounce & abuse all other parties. I would not be their tool, & having incurred their displeasure, they have gone against me, and spoken against me, for two years past, but they have not frightened the people from my paper in any great numbers. They are not much mistaken in supposing that I have not much sympathy with the leaders of this modern whiggery.

The advertising when I began in 1822 amounted to from 400 to 450 dollars a year, and kept increasing, until it has in some years nominally amounted to 700 or 750 dollars, though in reality not so much. For two years past, the real value of the advertisements has been not far from 600 dollars a year—perhaps a little less.

I paid \$3.50 per ream for paper in 1822; as the size of the paper was increased, the price of paper increased to \$4.00, \$4.25, & for some time I gave \$4.50. The price has since fallen, and is now only \$3.50—the same as in 1822.

The expense of printing the paper (I finding types & press) has been all the time not far from 50 cents a paper for a year, but has varied considerably, & on the whole, has exceeded that sum. The cost of paper, expense of printing, & wear of types have amounted to about as much as I have received from all the papers sold; and I have had the advertising to support my family, &c. or something near that.

I gave for the Gazette in 1822 at the rate of 2600 dollars, & received all due to the office & paid all due from it. I paid for three fourths 1950 dollars; my father owned one fourth which came into his possession after the death of brother Hopkri. The debts may have been worth 600 dollars, thus leaving the cost of the establishment 2000 dollars—the same for which I have sold it. The 1950 dollars were paid by the debts say 600 dollars, money of my father 6 or 700 dollars, & by money borrowed 4 or 700 dollars, which I have paid, or it is still due from me.

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Thursday 1. This day, appeared the prospectus of a new paper, the "Hampshire Republican", signed by Chauncy Clark & promising many good things - rather too many. The first or political part was written by George Bancroft, and the latter or religious part by Chauncy Clark. During the late election, those called working men were abused & vilified beyond measure, and honestly, decency & religion were disregarded or prostituted in the attempt to render them odious. Politicians & Christians, Orthodox & Unitarians, united to prostrate these men, many of whom are orthodox Christians in good standing. The working men had no paper here to defend them, & they were prostrated & trampled on by the victorious Whigs. I did not undertake to defend them, for though I respected their principles, & my feelings were with them, yet I would not enter into a violent controversy about men; besides, their conduct was not very wise, & was in some respects censurable. The spirit excited by the arrogant & intolerant Whigs, has led to the plan of a new paper, in which working men & Jackson men unite. I advised them to this course immediately after the election, if they intended to sustain themselves, & not be trodden down at every election; I told them, that I could not turn the Gazette into a paper that would answer their purposes. They talked some of purchasing the Gazette of me, & would readily have done it, if I would consent to remain the Editor, & advocate their cause; but I could not be trammelled in this way, & had not much taste for hard fighting. They have concluded to commence a new paper in a few weeks. I wish them well, and often converse with them & give them my opinions, but refuse to act for them, or use any influence against the Gazette.

Friday 2. Much talk about the new paper, my selling out, &c.

Sunday 4. Last night colder than any for many years - perhaps half a century. Thermometers in the lower part of the village stood at 30, and some at 32 or 33 degrees below zero! In the higher part of the village, the mercury did not sink so low by several degrees. In many of the small thermometers, on which the degrees are marked only to 24 or 25 degrees below 0, the mercury fell below all the degrees into the bulb. I made the fire in the morning, in my shirt, but the air cut like a knife. We went to meeting as usual, and I

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Sunday 4 — Did not suffer much, except in attending to my Sunday-school class at noon. It was extremely cold all day. Mr. Penny all day. [See aft. Dec. 13. 1840.]

Monday 5. Another bitterly cold night. The thermometers indicated about one or two degrees less cold than the night before, say 28 or 29 below zero, in the lower part of the village, at sunrise. The cold was felt in houses more sensibly than the night before. On Sunday evening, I found it almost impossible to keep both sides warm, although close to a stove heated almost red-hot. The cellar froze, the well froze — almost every thing was frozen.

Today, paid my taxes for last year — viz for myself \$16.18, and as guardian \$4.80. The parish tax was paid some months ago. Was about the village in the afternoon. The new paper obtains many subscribers.

Tuesday 6. Last night not so cold, but the mercury several degrees below zero. I finished a letter to Dr. Usher Parsons of Providence, which I commenced on Friday night last. Brother Smith & wife here on a visit. I was at Isaac Clark's in the evening. The air very keen. The snow, which fell on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 18 inches or more, makes pretty good sleighing.

Wednesday 7. Another cold night — the mercury below zero this morning. On the whole, I have not suffered much during this cold snap, and have been about the village with only my ordinary garments. I seldom put on a surcoat, except Sundays & evenings. I have never worn flannel next to the skin; indeed my dress now is the same that I wore in the summer — my garments are usually the same, summer & winter.

My family. J. W. J. is in Hartford — full of business.

Sylvester (on his third college year) is keeping school at Upper Middletown. C. Parkman, who will be 20 years old this month, remains with Mr. Turner, and is an indefatigable student, as well as industrious in his business. Hall attends Hadley Academy, & stays in Hadley some of these cold nights, but usually boards at home. I assist him in Greek & Latin. Apphia remains at home assisting her mother. Hopkin & Peninnah attend the District school on the plain. I have had no hired girl since Mrs. Watkins left us.

One week has passed away since I gave up the paper. I & my family miss the religious exchange papers. As to the political papers, filled as most of them are with calumny & abuse, I

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Wednesday 7. — care but little about them. The object of most
preachers of all parties is to dupe, deceive & humbug the people
— not to enlighten them. At least, this is my opinion, if I
have had the means of judging.

Sheep. Kingsley was in a few days since, and he states my
sheep as follows — old sheep 80, or not more than one from that.
Last spring lambs 30, after he has taken 10 or 14 lbs and one
or two weekly lambs besides. I have sold to Kingsley 9 wethers
for 18 dollars (not paid) included in the above 80. Deducting
these from the $80 + 30 = 110$, I have 100 or 101 left. My wool
is yet on hand.

Sleigh. The cutter which once belonged to my uncle Jonathan
and after his death in 1819, to my father, was brought in from
Westampton a few days since by Elisha Graves. I talk of
selling it to him.

Horse & waggon. The old mare & waggon left by my father,
which I took at 65 dollars in the settlement with Sister Hyman,
proved to be bad property. I sold the waggon for 20 dollars
by putting harness & buffalo with it, to brother Parsons. I could
not sell the old mare, & she eat herself out almost entirely.
Brother Parsons sold her last fall for 20 dollars. There will
probably be not a cent coming to me, after her keeping is paid.
So my 65 dollars will be only 20 dollars. Part of this loss comes
from my dislike to dispose of property which had been my father's.
(Brother Parsons paid me afterwards \$15 for old mare. — rather more than expenses about her.)

Thursday 8. Still very cold. In the afternoon Brother Parsons, wife, father
Hall, & Arethusa called here — on a visit to Hockanum. Arethusa
staid here, till they returned in the evening.

I this day signed a bond as surety to Timothy Clark as
treasurer of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Bond \$5000.
I am cautious about signing obligations for others, but I think
I can confide in Clark's honesty & fidelity. Mr. Huntington was
treasurer & secretary of this company, but gave it up to Clark
to induce him to withdraw his competition for the Gazette.

Friday 9. Cold continues, though the sun shines pleasantly every day. Yesterday
and to-day, I remained in the house & did not go to the centre stall.
Many people called to settle with me. They almost all profess to be
very sorry that I have given up the Gazette. Mr. E. Hunt,
the Farmington Post-rider here in the evening & paid \$100 on
his note, besides his account for meat &c \$19. His note remains
quite too large — about 750 dollars still due.

Instructing Hall in Greek, has given me a new taste for
this language; and I have spent several evenings in reading
Greek. It is slow work, but I love it.

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Saturday 10. Roswell Hubbard paid me the remainder of note given for Hannah B. Hoxie's land, viz Principal \$238.68 and interest \$20.01 — all \$258.69, and I deposited it in the Northampton Bank. The 400 dollars paid Nov. 8 still remains in the Hampshire Bank without interest. Was in the center in the afternoon.

Sunday 11. A stranger from Vermont, I believe in the forenoon, and Mr. Penney in the afternoon. Weather has moderated some — it thawed a little near buildings.

Monday 12. Posting books & regulating accounts?

Tuesday 13. Same, & reading Greek with Hall, or without him.

Wednesday 14. Thaw & rainy. George Lyman here at night from Amherst.

Thursday 15. The snow melts fast. Did not go to the center yesterday, nor today until evening. John Hall here from Greenfield. Have paid Isaac Clark \$50 of interest \$2.50, — a note for borrowed money given 3 or 4 years since. Paid Ames, the paper-maker \$100 yesterday. In Greek, with Hall, all the forenoon. I think & care but little about politics, & have not much inclination to read political papers. I have been surprised for years, & am glad to throw off the load — but I could still engage in politics, if the object was to enlighten & elevate the people — & not make them the slaves of party, & the worshippers of men.

Friday 16. Settling accounts, &c. to-day. In the evening was at Chauncey Clark's — cousin Hannah Burt there. Much conversation with C.C. about the new paper.

Saturday 17. Settling accounts &c. Doct. Wm. C. Dwight of Moscow, N.Y. (son of Cecil) made me a visit — a very intelligent, interesting man — and as to church-democracy or radicalism he goes beyond me. It does me good to find a man, especially a Christian, who is trammelled by no authority but that of Christ — who thinks & acts for himself, feeling responsible to his maker, but not to any of the hierarchies of this world. The Doctor is a warm-hearted Christian.

Sunday 18. Mr. Penney all day — in the afternoon a sermon in regard to Sunday-schools — very good. Parkman here all Sunday evening, & a long talk about affairs of various kinds. Hall went to Hadley in the evening to attend meeting, &c.

Monday 19. Pleasant weather. Settling accounts &c. Sister Lyman here in the evening — went with her to see Sarah, who is unwell. Sister Lyman left 8½ yds cloth worth as many dollars, to pay me for house-rent, &c. at Westhampton in 1833.

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Tuesday 20. Settling accounts, &c. Met Bancroft, O. Warner & other radicals, (assume call us,) at George Shepard's shop & had a long talk, about matters - the new paper, &c. In probate office with Timo. Blunk in the evening - he has purchased a house & homestead to-day - on market-st, for 1075 dollars. Of course, he has determined to plant himself here. Brother Johnson & Misses called here, on a visit to Hatfield - brought father Hall, & when they returned, carried Apphia with them.

Sold my cutters to Elisha Graves for \$12. It grieves me to dispose of articles that had long been my father's, but I cannot afford to keep them. I shall probably never be able to keep a horse, chaise or sleigh.

Wednesday 21. Settling accounts, &c. Another confab. with the radicals in Shepard's shop. Col. Elisha Edwards there.

Thursday 22. Settling accounts, &c. I owe some of the merchants too much for female finery, &c. My expenses must be reduced.

Friday 23. Settling accounts &c.

Saturday 24. At home all day - in Greek with Hall, &c. Thawing.

Sunday 25. Mr. Penney all day.

Monday 26. Adjusting accounts, & in Greek with Hall. Raining.

Tuesday 27. Settling accounts, &c. Found the radicals at G. Shepard's, &c. I do not read politics - neither know nor care what is doing, at Boston & Washington. Must, however, read enough to keep up with the world, & be able to converse about political matters. For several evenings, have been reading Turner's History of England. Thawing.

Wednesday 28. Snow greatly diminished, & sleighing becoming poor. Bare ground in many places. - Settling accounts, &c. In the evening Lyman Parsons here till after 9, talking about religion. He is what I should call a religious radical - has many correct opinions & principles, but does not express them very clearly - is a little tinged with enthusiasm.

Thursday 29. Visited this forenoon widow (Samuel) Wright, an intelligent old woman, about 80 - visited Almira Wright who is sick - went to the burying yard, & with some difficulty, copied the inscriptions on the grave stones of Joseph Parsons, Esq. (died 1729) & his wife Elizabeth (died 1736) for Doct. Usher Parsons of Providence. Wrote a letter to the publisher of the National Gazette & one to Niles Register, each enclosing \$10. I owe 40 dollars or more for exchange papers. My expense in this way has been for many years more than 20 dollars a year.

The widow of Martin Kirkland visited us to-day & evening. I boarded in this family much of the time when I was in the store in Norwich, 25 to 30 years ago.

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Friday 30. A rainy day, and heavy showers in the evening and night, with some thunder & lightning. I did not go out to-day. Spent some time over the Greek with Hall. Brother Parsons & Betsy here - carried home father Hall. Betsy has trouble with the old people.

Saturday 31. The streams were very high this morning - & the Connecticut rose much in the course of the day.

In the afternoon, talked with Bancroft of the radicals at Isaac Colen's store. ^{January 1835. First part, cold almost beyond precedent. Latter part very mild. Snow had been 2 feet now gone.} O. H. H. H.

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Sunday 1. Mr. Penny off the forenoon. Sacrament. Mr. Storrs for the Home Missionary Society P.M.

The ice on the Connecticut broke up last night.

Monday 2. Settling accounts &c. Cold again

Tuesday 3. Settling accounts &c. At Chauncey Clark's & Samuel Clark's in the evening with Isaac. Cold. Sent \$150 to Howard & Lathrop by Judd, post-rider. Have paid \$45.90 to Grant & Daniels, Boston, for paper - all that I owed them. Eliph. Williams sent receipt

Wednesday 4. Settling accounts &c. In the evening settled with Mr. Metcalf & gave him note for balance \$111.82. He and his wife here.

Thursday 5. Settling accounts, &c. Spent some hours with Timothy Clark in the Register & Deeds office. Greek in the evening. Cold. January was on the whole a more pleasant month than I have passed for some years. The responsibility of conducting a public newspaper always weighed upon me, & I feel as if I had thrown off a burden. I know not how I shall get a living in the world, but at present I do not give myself much trouble about it, believing that I can find something to do.

Friday 6. Writing letters &c. A little snow. John Wells assigned his property.

Saturday 7. Snow several inches deep this morning. Sent Laura a Bartlett \$300 of Hannah B. Hoxse's money in Hampshire Bank, & took her note. Wrote a letter to H. B. Hoxse, & sent in it a deed for her other husband to sign.

Sunday 8. Very cold - some sleighing. Mr. Penny all day.

Monday 9. Laura Bartlett paid me the \$300 & again deposited it in the Bank. Received a letter from the National Gazette, Philadelphia, in which they say (rather indefinitely) that my account is balanced to Jan. 1. 1835. Chauncey Clark here in the evening - wants some help about the new paper. He will doubtless have his hands & heart full. I may render some assistance, but shall assume no responsibility in regard to it. Wrote to-day one or two articles for the Hampshire Gazette - one about the South Hadley dancing worshippers.

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Tuesday 10. Still cold. Letter from Niles' Register states I owe \$8 besides the 10 which I sent.

Wednesday 11. Wrote a letter to Rev. Payson Williston, giving an account of his ancestors at Springfield, of whom he knows little. He & I conversed about this a year or two since. On going to the centre, I found that hands were at work on the new paper in a chamber near the post-office. The types & press have arrived, but Mr. Merriam the head-printer, is not here. The radicals do not foresee all the difficulties, perplexities & obstacles that will arise in their path. Conversing with Bancroft—he is in good spirits—he is preparing an oration to deliver at Deerfield on the 22d of this month. It will be radical enough.

The choice of John Davis as U. S. senator twice by the house of representatives, & of John Quincy Adams twice by the senate, has put the whigs into a great stew. They think that if they lose Davis, their party will fall to pieces; and they say hard things of him because he desires to quit the gubernatorial chair. He is in fact a better man than they deserve. Besides, they do not love J. Q. Adams, & they dislike the idea of having him for senator; and if he is not senator, they fear they must take him for governor. I speak of the whig leaders. Mr. Bates' friends are chagrined at the lean support he has received as senator. He is not so tall a man as they supposed. The people in the eastern part of the state do not seem to know him.

An account of what I have paid yearly for exchange papers for some years past:—

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| N. Y. Commercial Advertiser, Daily. | \$ 6.00 | Paid to Nov. 1. 1834 |
| N. Y. Journal of Commerce, Semi-weekly. | 2.00 | Paid to Jan. 1. 1835 |
| N. Y. Advertiser ————— do ——— | 2.00 | — |
| Walsh's National Gazette, Philada. Tri-weekly. | 5.00 | Paid to Jan. 1. 1835 |
| Niles' (Baltimore) Register Weekly | 3.00 | Paid to Jan. 1. 1835 by money sent Feb. 1. |
| Albany Argus Daily. | 4.00 | Paid to Thos. Shepard to Jan. 1. 1835, Feb. 10. |
| | <u>\$ 22.00</u> | |

For the other exchange papers, 50 or 60 in number, I paid nothing. I have paid but little for Literary Reviews for some years past. Formerly I took three or four and paid 15 or 20 dollars a year. For many years I have had the North American Review for advertising the contents. I have added many books to my library, since I have been in Northampton—probably 250 dollars worth, including the Encyclopedias. Almost all of them, I purchased to help the Gazette by extracts & abstracts. I have thought but little of money-making; have labored much more to make the Gazette interesting & useful to others, (perhaps unsuccessfully) than to make it profitable to myself.

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Thursday 12. Settling accounts. Paid Note of \$250 at the Hampshire Bank, given to Howard of Lathrop for paper—paid it by \$150 which I deposited there some days since, & by taking \$100 from H. B. Hoxie's money—so her deposit is now only \$300. Heard Dr. W. C. Dwight's lecture on agriculture in the evening. C. Parkman is uneasy at Mr. Turner's.

In settling accounts, the following merchants, &c. owe me a balance—to be paid in Goods—J. P. Williston \$2.26; Abel Whitney ^{\$2.00} and a double bill ^{\$1.89}; E. Hunt & Co. ^{\$6.22}; John Calk ^{\$3.76} for an old order, and 2 due bills ^{\$2.16} & ^{\$1.23}; E. Hancock ^{\$7.42}. Daniel Buttrick's estate owes me ^{\$22.23} & 2 double bills ^{\$6} & ^{\$3.00}. Wright & Rust ^{\$4.11}.

I never go into a tavern unless business calls me there; recently having been in one or two to settle accounts, I am satisfied that there are still many rum-drinkers in the community.

Friday 13. Wrote a letter to H. Briggs, Windsor—have not received a cent for papers sent to Windsor for three years, amounting to over \$60—fear I shall lose the whole. Wrote a letter to cousin Eleazer Judd, Boston, enclosing three accounts, ^{\$2.00}; ^{\$3.25} & ^{\$1.37}. Also a letter to Col. Wm. Hooker, Westfield enclosing 4 accounts, ^{\$1.00}, ⁵⁰, ^{\$1.25}, & ^{\$1.00}.

Saturday Settled several accounts.

Saturday 14. At home most of the day. A good visit from cousin Samuel Edwards.

Sunday 15. Still cold. Mr. Penny all day.

Monday 16. Wrote an article for the new paper & signed it "Radical".

Tuesday 17. The Hampshire Republican appeared. It is rather lean—those engaged in managing it do not understand all things.

In the evening, settled with the post-rider Henry.

Received a letter from H. Briggs, Windsor, enclosing \$5; he thinks I shall not lose my Windsor debts.

Wrote a letter to Niles, Baltimore, enclosing \$8 due to him for Register.

Wednesday 18. Meeting at Edwards' church, about South Hadley Female School.

Mr. Chapin here with Methusa at dinner. Hall went to Hockanum, & in the evening attended the Dancing worship of the New Lights at Israel Lyman's.

Thursday 19. Regulating Accounts. In the evening, Mr. Davis, Preceptor of Westfield Academy here about ancient matters. Lent him Hampshire Gazette for 1786-7—also 1831 & 1832, and 1827. Spent the rest of the evening at Mr. Slater's with wife, Mrs. Todd, Mr. E. Graves wife, Ingalls wife, J. Hunt & wife, & Rox. & Sarah Hunt. Mrs. Todd is a most beautiful woman.

Hall came home to-day. Not so much disgusted with the Dancing religionists as Apphia was.

Paid Thos. Shepard \$8 for two years of the Albany Argus. He is to pay the rest.

[most of Feb. rather mild, but some very severe weather. O. Warner.]

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Friday 20. News from France - talk about war. Heard Bancroft read his oration that is to be delivered at Deerfield on Monday. It is democratic-radical - high-seasoned - eloquent. There is so much truth in it, that it will make another uproar against him. The whigs are lashed in good style.

Saturday 21. On the Grack with Hall some hours. Paid Elisha Clark what he owed him for shoemaking. Bad walking - wet - muddy. Timothy Mattheis Temperance paper appeared today. He has done better than any one anticipated.

Sunday 22. Mr. Penney all day. Muddy walking.

Monday 23. Wrote two or three short articles for the Republican, but it was so late, they could not go in, except a notice of Mattheis paper. Bancroft delivered his oration at Deerfield - some who heard it say it was well received. Was at Isaac Clark's in the evening - his brother-in-law, Mr. Clary of Conway & wife there.

Tuesday 24. Settled with some. Sent 150 dollars to Springfield Bank for D. J. Ames, paper makers, the balance of their account against me. They claim \$152.38. Received \$100 of E. Hunt, post-rider. He has relinquished the business, or will on the 1st of April. Found Bancroft, Warner, &c at the post-office in pretty good spirits. Gov. Davis is chosen U.S. ^{Senator} of the whigs here are chop-fallen. The war-noise has subsided in some degree - In the evening was at Elisha Graves' with wife, Mr. Starkweather's wife &c.

Have subscribed for the N. Y. Evangelist - paid \$2 for a year - and this day received the numbers from January 1. 1835.

D. S. Whitney's wife at my house last evening in my absence.

Thursday 26. Attended a reference with Timothy Phelps & Oliver Warner at the mansion House - in relation to matters between A. Edwards Parsons & Gideon Clark. Allog, Gideon, a broken down tippler, does not know what he wants. Attended a settlement of accounts between Leander Moody, and the late company between him & David Edwards, Solomon Warner, administrator on D. Edwards' estate present. We balanced the book, & Warner & I sold to Moody all the old debts & accounts of the company for \$10, and there is an end of this part of the business. Moody has paid over to Warner \$213 belonging to the widow & children of David Edwards, as his half of debts collected since last settlement. In the evening there was a Temperance Address in Edwards meeting-house by Mr. Gale.

Friday 27. Did not go out to day. Brother Hall came towards evening - wished to get somebody to preach at Greenfield a few Sabbaths. Went with him in the evening to Mr. Todd's - and to see Mr. Cutler, an old broken-down minister in Elm-street. Called at Mr. Jewett's & Wm. Clark's to inquire about Mr. Cutler.

Saturday 28. Brother Hall went away Saturday morning. Received a receipt in full from D. J. Ames.

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- Sunday 1. Cold. Thermometer below 0 in the morning. Mr. Penney all day. In the evening wrote an article about the Whigs, for the Republican.
- Monday 2. Very cold yet.
- Tuesday 3. Still cold. Attended Probate in order to settle with the administrators on David Edwards' estate. Nothing done, because notice had not been given. Nancy Edwards here to dinner. Settled some accounts. In the evening attended Sarah B. Hunt's wedding (married to Mr. Smith of Hadley) with wife & Apphia. A pretty large company there, & they ~~passed~~ quite lively. No intoxicating liquor offered - but coffee, tea & cake were handed round. The married couple & others started for Hadley a little before 9 o'clock, and the rest of us came home. This is much better than the old way of drinking, dancing and carousing. There was a temperance meeting at the T. Hall in the evening.
- The Republican came out with three of my pieces - two of them written for last week's paper. Some gross errors in printing. John Black of Plainfield has assigned his property - owed me \$42. Jason Richards called here the fore part of the evening with the assignment for me to sign. Signed it. He paid me 10 for Black, leaving only \$32.
- Wednesday 4. Brother Parsons brought in father Hall & left him here. Found a host of radicals at the post-office. Collected some money.
- Thursday 5. Hall began another quarter at the Academy. 3.50 Tuition and \$1.00 for bridge. Received a letter from son J.W. & another from Elizabeth. She has been quite sick. J.W. sent \$6.00 to pay Apphia's tuition, & wishes to have her go to school. He is not quite so rich, I suspect, as he thinks he is.
- Thursday 5. Dear Edwards, my uncle, here to dinner. He is over 80, but smart & active. Had a talk about religion & politics with cousin Timothy Clark of Luther Edwards in Probate Office. Another Temperance Meeting at Town Hall in the evening. Much discussion, & on the whole a pretty lively meeting. Several farmers & mechanics spoke, & among others "friend Jonas" made some fun. The proposition was to form a society excluding all intoxicating drinks - ardent spirits, wine, ale & cider. Many wished to strike out cider, and this occasioned much of the debate, but cider was retained. The meeting was a good one & the house full. B. Parkman spoke, but ^{he} is too vehement, & not deliberate enough. He has more courage or more ambition than his father ever had. John Hopkins sold a few barrels of cider recently at \$3 per barrel, & insisted on having it removed to-day, before this meeting. This made some talk, & he undertook to tell the story in the meeting. This produced much merriment & some noise.

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Friday 6. Finished a letter to Usher Parsons of Providence. I believe I have earned the \$70 which he sent me. Settled with Tappan & Whitney & gave my note for \$70. My debts, which I owe to sundry persons.

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| Irene Hall | \$150.00 | and two or three years interest | |
| Arethusa Hall. | 215.00. | Interest from Dec. 9, 1834. | |
| Sister Lyman | 171.02 | 2 years interest due | March |
| Sister Hooker | 365.00. | due Sept 19, 1834. | |
| Elihu Williams | 250.00. | Interest from Aug. 1834 | |
| John Hopkins | 500.00. | " " Jan 1, 1835 | all paid April 1835 |
| Sarah A. Edwards | \$80 | I have enough against her to balance it | |
| Howard & Lathrop | - 350.00 - | Interest | \$300 paid |
| John Metcalf | 111.82 | dated Feb 4, 1835 | Paid March 30 |
| Tappan & Whitney | 70.00. | | \$50 paid |
| Elisha Graves | say 45.00. | for rent. | \$30 paid |
| Howard & Lathrop (at Bank) | 250.00. | due May 1, 1835 | Paid April 10 |
| | <u>2477.84</u> | | |
| Deduct Cash on hand | 200.00 - | | |
| | <u>2277.84</u> | due & interest. | |

Saturday 7. Wrote a letter to S. G. Arnold, White Plains, N. Y. in reply to one in July last, respecting Dr. El Nathan Judd, &c. Arnold's mother was Enea Judd, cousin of my father.

Sunday 8. Mr. Penney all day.

Monday 9. Reading - did not go out. In the evening with Hall in Greek station.

Tuesday 10. A little snow. Saw the radicals. Talked with them & others about an anti-slavery meeting here. George Dwight quite engaged in the business.

Wednesday 11. Medad King paid \$30 on his note. Oren Kingsley came here. I lent him \$25 & took his note. He also gave me his note for \$24.31; for 9 wethers sold him last fall & Samuel Bartlett's note, viz. Wethers 18 - Interest 27^{cts} - Bartlett's note, principal, \$6.04 (gave him interest) - in all \$24.31.

Letter from Sylvester. His school at Upper Middletown will be out March 23d. He will return to New Haven.

Thursday 12.

Son of Doct. C. H. Steckney. Detained in taking money from Isaac Clark's draw, and committed to jail. His father came in from Norwich in the evening. A sad affair for parents & friends - The Radicals have determined to have a contest for town-officers. I have scolded & tried to dissuade them, but in vain. In the evening a meeting of the N. H. Temperance Association in the T. Hall. I acted as Secretary, having been chosen 2 weeks ago. Several speeches were made, and a pretty good spirit was manifested. Jonas had something to say as usual.

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Friday 13. Spent much of the day in arranging books & pamphlets.

Disputed with the radicals about their intended course in regard to town meeting. Think they will be defeated, & willing they should be. I hear that the rum-interest is with them. I ~~cannot~~ ^{will} not act ^{with} the rummies.

Stickney & Clark trying to settle for the money his son stole at various times. The father will pay the bonds \$100, ~~and~~ rather will be bound in that sum. The son will be let out of jail to-night. The doctor is heavy-hearted, & no wonder.

Saturday 14. Wrote an article of some length for the Republican.

Sunday 15. Mr. Penney all day.

Monday 16. Town-meeting. The radicals, contrary to my expectation, succeeded in most of their movements, & the whigs are chop-fallen. George Bancroft was chosen Moderator against Lewis Strong, for the first victory in the morning. 1st ballot 102 each; 2d do. B. 126. S. 117. This was extremely mortifying to the whigs, & very gratifying to B. - not because he wanted the paltry office, but because he had been so much abused by the whigs. Isaac Clark was chosen Town Clerk over Samuel Wells on 2d balloting - had 168 votes out of 305. Francis Whitney had some. On the 1st balloting for Selectmen, three on the radical ticket were chosen - John Wright, Azar^h. Clapp and Julius Phelps. My name was at the head of the ticket & George Shepard's next. Neither of us were chosen, & many knew I would not accept the office if chosen, for I had so said to all that asked me. On the next balloting there was no choice - S. & Shepard were highest. I then went into meeting (had not been there before) & told them I was not a candidate, & should not accept if chosen. They then tried again and elected two whigs, W. W. Partidge & Geo. Cook. - There were two parties of two tickets, and the lovers of rum in fact chose all that were chosen. They first joined with the radicals & chose three from that ticket who were least offensive to them; they then joined the whigs & chose two of them that were least offensive to them. Thus a minority who cared more about rum than anything else, elected the whole, in consequence of the friends of Temperance being drawn out in two parties. The rummies would not vote for me, & for this I am thankful - nor would they vote for G. Shepard. All this is the result of the abusive, insolent conduct of the whigs towards the radicals last fall. They prostrated every thing then & forced a large number to array against them. The whigs have reaped the fruit of their own doings. They will learn manners after a while. They were confident of success, & came out with a ticket headed "Whig Ticket", thinking that name would carry every thing, as it did last fall, but they were mistaken.

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Monday 16. I drew up a letter to George Thompson, the anti-Slavery lecturer, now in New York, requesting him to give some address in this town, this spring, and about 20 men signed it.

Mr. Chapin brought home Arethusa, her school in W. H. being out. I was at Isaac Clark's in the evening. The radicals or democrats feel well.

I took up Brother Hall's note at Hampshire Bank, 200 dollars, & paid it from money of H. B. Hoxie deposited there.

Tuesday 17. Republican of today had 2 pieces of mine, but both full of errors made by the printer. Find the whigs down, & scolding about each other, & the radicals in fine spirits. The latter find much fault with me because I would not stand as candidate. I have ascertained that on the first ballot 63 persons, all rummies I presume, put in tickets with the other 4 on, and Col. Partridge's name instead of mine. I am thankful for this compliment.

Wrote a letter to Sylvester.

Wednesday 18. Had a long talk with David S. Whitney, about the state of things here - related to him my views about the outrageous, abusive conduct of the whigs at the election last November, & the natural consequences of it, shown in the election of Monday. We did not coincide in many things.

Sent a coat's cloth, cost ⁸70, and trimmings to Hartford for Sylvester.

Thursday 19. Snow fell several inches deep last night. Cousin Eleazar Judson called to see me, on his way from Boston. Paid me two bills collected, & returned one. He paid me 25 dollars on account of the rent of my place in 1833 - ~~he~~ ~~the~~ ~~has~~ paid before \$20 & \$15 in money, & a note of \$15 against Jabez French. Has paid in all for that year \$75. The rent was \$85.

Cousin Eleazar & cousin Timothy Clark took tea here.

Saw Bancroft at Post-office; he feels a little too well.

Friday 20. Sloppy under foot. Settled some accounts. Received \$16.67 from Eliphalet Williams, Boston, for Publishing laws last year. Settled with Hawley for most of the accounts where I had been paid in advance for the paper. Received a letter from S. G. Arnold;

Saturday 21. Some months since, W. W. Thompson, Oliver Warner & myself were selected as referees, to settle an affair between Ebenezer Clapp & Mr. King of Chesterfield, in relation to Clapp's daughter, who has had a child by King. We this day (having just received the papers) fixed upon Clapp's as the place of meeting, and Tuesday April 7th as the day. This place of meeting is not very agreeable to King.

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- Sunday 22. A cold day, & snow & hail fell several inches deep. A very thin meeting. Only I & Peninnah went from here. A stranger in the forenoon, & Mr. Penny in the afternoon.
- Monday 23. A winter day - thawed but little & sleighing pretty good. Had one load of wood brought. (Did not go out to day. Read ancient History most of the day - Greek with Hall in the evening.
- Tuesday 24. Court week. Settled with several - received some money. Sent \$300 to Howard & Lathrop by A. Judd. Sleighs run briskly but the snow is melting away. 3 loads of wood brought. Uncle Frederic in town. Gave up my father's deed to Timo Morey which he kept back, because Morey had not quite paid him. It is not quite paid now; but Morey had account nearly enough to balance it (right or wrong, I know not) and had been obliged to sell the land at 12 or 15 dollars less than he was to give my father. Took Morey's receipt & called the business square & settled.
- Wednesday 25. Sleighing continues. Several cases in court which bring people here, especially one adultery case. A smutty affair will always attract a crowd. Converses with Young Partridge of Hatfield & other Radicals. Johnson & Drusilla here.
- Thursday 26. Sleighing tolerably good. Arethusa started for Hartford in stage, on runners. Took a note of J. Allen Strong for 156 dollars, dated March 19, 1835, in lieu of a note of 143.53. Dated April 2, 1833 against said Strong & H. T. Hooker, interest from Oct 2, 1833. The original note was for the wool sheared on my father's sheep in 1832 - at about 52 cts. The shearing of 1833 was sold at Morrison factory at 55 cts. The shearing of 1834 is not sold. Received the balance of a note due from Winchell, Rice and Payne of West Springfield, 65 dollars, for a piece of land my father had of uncle Frederic, in Southampton. I sold the land Jan 24, 1833, for 900 dollars; - received 450 dollars down, and a note for 450 dollars, which is now all paid. Interest received on it was \$18 of W. & R. and \$15 of Paine = 33 dollars.
- Friday 27. Wrote a letter to brother Hall, Greenfield, & enclosed 3 bills. Received a packet through the post office from S. G. Arnold, White Plains, containing some particulars of the Judd family, & profiles of his father, mother & Dr. Elnathan Judd. Postage \$1.12 - a little too much. Thawed to day.
- Saturday 28. Some sleighs running. Thawed. Gave the letter of invitation to Mr. Thompson, to George A. Dwight to carry to New York. About 25 or 30 names to it - most of the anti-slavery signers are among the radicals. "Not many mighty," &c

[An old-fashioned March with few smiles. O Warner

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Sunday 29. Mr. Penney in the forenoon, & Mr O. E. Dwight (son of Widow Rhoda Dwight) in the afternoon. The travelling muddy & sloppy, & has been for some days.

Monday 30. Hall down with cold. Weather windy & unpleasant. Paid Mr. Metcalf my note \$111.82, given Feb. 4. Sold him some (double pica (old)) a composing stick, old leads & 4 chases for \$10. Had a set down in the post-office with radicals & others. Wrote an article for Hampshire Gazette, to contradict something in the Courier. Read Greek several hours at home.

Tuesday 31. Settled some accounts - got some money. Paid on my note to Tappan & Whitney \$50. Settled with Edward Hooker of South Hadley who is going to Rochester. Forty years since, I sent him some notes & accounts against Selden Higgins, who had failed. He has paid me for 8 dollars (some years since) and now gave me the following notes which he has obtained from Higgins: -

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| Note vs. Selden Higgins himself - | 86.36 | Date Nov. 24. 1834 |
| Note vs Perez & Geo. L. Smith | 103.38 | " " " " " " " " " " " " |
| Note vs Stephen White | 81.30 | " " " " " " " " " " " " |
| | <u>271.04..</u> | |

Probably about one third of the above is interest - perhaps less. Higgins was a post-rider, a clever fellow, but destitute of judgment. The note against him is probably good for nothing, & the others, I hope, will prove good. I credited Hooker \$8.75 for trouble. Higgins owed for paper in 1826, 1827 & 1828. Original debt about 190 dollars.

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Wednesday 1. Temperance Meeting, & address by Mr. Pratt of Hatfield in Edwards church. Anti-Temperance meeting before the County Commissioners, to get licenses. Red, bloated faces, not a few, among these devotees of rum. A pretty good day for collecting money. J. C. Bates paid me 52 dollars which he owed me, & several others paid their debts. Settled with Samuel Parsons. He paid me \$257.81 or one half of the note he gave for Sarah A. Edwards land; and also for interest on this half \$13.25. Total paid for Sarah 271.06 I was sorry to see the money - cannot put it in so good hands. I talk with young Partridge of Hatfield, a radical.

Thursday 2. I paid John Hopkins 350 dollars on a note of 500 dollars which I gave him 5 years ago - signed by me & my father. Took Sarah A. Edwards's money above \$271, & \$79 of my own. I paid Elisha Graves \$30 towards rent.

Warm & pleasant yesterday & to-day - the first spring-like days we have had. The snow disappears rapidly, & in a very few spots the grass begins to look green - travelling bad, but growing better

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Friday 3. Reading much of the day. Tried to collect something in Elm-street &c. My postage bill for the last quarter Jan 1. to April 1. was \$4.69 — the largest bill for postage that one quarter that I ever paid.

Saturday 4. Did not go out to day. Became engaged in Egyptian History, Chronology, & Mythology, in connexion with Champollion's Hieroglyphics. My love for such things seems to be as strong as it was 25 or 30 years ago. Rainy in the forenoon.

Sunday 5. Mr. Penny all day. Sacramento.

Monday 6. Parish meeting. Considerable feeling on the subject of a proposition to have the parish pay for the rent of Mr. Penny's house which with the repairs to cost over 3000 dollars. In other words, the proposition was to add 200 dollars to Mr. Penny's salary, making it 1200 dollars. After much debate, the vote was carried in a small meeting by a small majority, I think 41 to 38. I did not vote on either side, but think \$1000 is as much as ought to be paid to a minister in Northampton. Several left the meeting with a determination to sign off. Towards night I rode home with Oliver Warner, in order to attend the reference at Chestnut tomorrow. Staid with him over night.

Tuesday 7. Started for Chestnutfield about 7 o'clock — rode with Mr. Thompson — went through Williamsburgh — bad travelling — went on foot up several hills — reached Clapps about half past two. Three lawyers, Bates, Forbes & Huntington had arrived — evidences in abundance, and a crowd who desired to hear a smutty trial. All the referees were anxious to have the parties come to an agreement without a public trial, and many others were strongly desirous of the same result. I conferred with Mr. & Mr. Clapp & Mr. King & advised to a settlement — Mr. Bates took up the subject and acted as a mediator between the parties and finally about two o'clock an arrangement was effected, & Mr. King agreed to pay Mr. Clapp 230 dollars and each pay his own cost. This ought to have been done last summer. The mother & daughter seemed to be dissatisfied with this arrangement; had hoped that the aspersions of King upon the daughter's character would have been wiped away by a public trial. It is an afflicted family — there has been a sad downfall; but a public trial where a gay, indiscreet girl has to contend with a reckless man who has many both male & female to aid him, is not the best way to restore tarnished reputation. I received \$5, but paid Thompson 75cts

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Tuesday 7 — for carrying me of 31 cents for Clapps bill. I wished to charge only \$4.00, but the other referees insisted on charging \$5 each. Came home through the mud by the old Turnpike. — walked from Paul Strong's in, and spent the evening at brother Hookers.

In my absence Medad King paid to Hall the rest of my note against him, \$70 principal of \$5.44 interest.

On Monday, I sold my wool to Stephen White of So. Hadley at 50 cents, (delivered at Owen Kingsley's, and he paid me \$125, supposing the wool would come to nearly that. To-day Kingsley sent in the weight, & it appears that there were only 224 pounds — \$112.

Wednesday 8. Read some history — made some chronological investigations. Found some of the radicals at G. Shepards, Determined to sign off, on account raising Dr. Penney's salary to 1200 dollars — many are said to be disaffected. I advised to use caution & deliberation. Was at Channing Clenk's in the evening.

Thursday 9. Fast-day. Mr. Penney preached in the forenoon. In the afternoon the two societies assembled together & Mr. Penney & Mr. Todd made some very good exhortations. People turned out pretty well for a fast day. A Temperance Debate in the evening in Edwards meeting-house, between the abstinent from ardent spirits & the abstinent from all intoxicating drinks. I did not attend. I fear that some mischief will grow out of these contests. C. Puckman is zealously engaged with the total abstinent from all intoxicating liquors. He spoke in the meeting.

Friday 10. I paid John Hopkins the remainder of the note of \$500 signed by myself & father Jan 1. 1830, viz. rest of principal 150 & interest since January 1. 1835, \$7.88. Paid also a note at Hampshire Bank \$250. given to Howard & Lattrop, due May 1. Having the money I preferred to lose the interest for 20 days, to the risk of not being able to collect enough, if I paid this out on other debts.

Pleasant weather for some days; but there is as yet but little green grass, & the trees have still all the appearance of winter — buds have swelled very little. I have seen no ploughs in motion, though some small patches have been ploughed.

Had a long conversation with Col. Eliska Edwards, Southampton, about politics, temperance, &c.

Saturday 11. Spent most of the day over the history of Saracens and the followers of Mahomet.

Sunday 12. Mr. Barnent of Easthampton all day — a very respectable preacher.

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Monday 13. Money Matters

When I left the Gazette office, January 1. I owed upwards of 3500 dollars. My success in collecting has more than equalled my anticipations. I have paid since the first of January as follows (omitting fractions) in money.

| | | | |
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| | (Two notes to Howard & Lathrop, at Hampshire Bank | \$250 each | — 500 — |
| Paper. | To Howard & Lathrop on book | | 450 |
| | To Do. Ames, Springfield | | 250 |
| | To Grant & Danell, Boston, | | 46. |
| Printers. | J. Metcalf \$162 — W. A. Hawley \$46 | | 208. |
| Merchants. | Chr. Clark \$55. John Clark \$9.00. Huntington & Lathrop \$30 | | 94 |
| " | Tappan & Whitney \$92. E. Powers \$7. | | 99 |
| | Paid Tailors' bills \$20.00 — Shoemakers' bills \$8.00. | | 28 |
| Exchange Papers. | National Gazette \$10. Files \$18. A. Argus \$8. J. Com. \$4 | | 40 |
| Note | to Isaac Clark | | 52 |
| " | to John Hopkins | | 508. |
| " | to Tappan & Whitney (for Sarah A. Edwards) | | 35 |
| | Elisha Graves, towards rent \$40 | | 40 — |
| | Wage postage \$10. Taxes, fire rent &c \$10 | | 20 |
| | | | 2370 |

Some small debts not included: B. E. Cook \$9. Advance pay \$15 or \$18.

Of the above I had on hand Jan. 1. about 150, & borrowed of Sarah A. Edwards \$271 & H. B. Hoxie \$50 — making 471 dollars — so I have collected only about 1900 dollars. Of this sum I received \$112 for wool, \$65 for Southampton land, \$80 for Westhampton land & 25 for Westhampton rent. $105 - 25 = 80$ So I have collected from newspaper debts only about 1600 dollars.

I still owe the following debts, exclusion of some small matters.

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| Irene Hall | 150.00 | & 2 or 3 years interest | New Note \$148 June 12. 1835 |
| Arctura Hall | 215.00 | Dec 9. 1834 | Paid \$15 May 5. 1835 |
| Sister Lyman | 171.50 | March 7. 1833 | (Paid Feb 27. 1836. 214.87) |
| Sister Hooker | 365.00 | Sept. 19. 1834. | Paid Dec 9. 1835, 189.29 |
| Eliphah Williams | 250.00 | Aug. 1834 | Paid May 16. 1836. (\$395) |
| Sarah A. Edwards | 271.00 | April 2. 1835 | Paid \$100. May 5. 1835 } all p. |
| Hannah B. Hoxie | say 50.00. | taken Feb. 12. 1835 | Paid 162.37. June 26. 1835 |
| Tappan & Whitney | 20.00 | | Paid May 21. 1835 |
| E. Graves | say 15.00. | | Paid Nov. 7. 1835 |
| Howard & Lathrop | say 50.00. | | Paid & settled in Oct. 1835 |
| | 1557 | and Interest | Paid \$40 & settled it. |

P.S. (All the above debts except that due to Sarah A. Edwards were paid previous to & on May 16 1836. In less than a year & a half I paid over 3500 dollars.

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Monday 13. I received on Saturday last from Solomon Warner, Administrator on David Edwards estate, \$92.22 for three of Edwards' children - Hannah B. Sylvester & Samsb. or \$30.74 each. This is now on hand, & is not included in the money matters on preceding page. Mr. Warner had received for the heirs, since his last return to the Probate office, the sum of (or rather a balance of) \$230.54, & this 2d return to the probate office was made on Thursday of last week. One third, or \$76.84 belonged to the widow Nancy Edwards, and the remainder \$153.70, to the five children of Edwards, or \$30.74 each. I received the shares of three.

Town meeting to-day. I did not attend - was over history most of the day. Mr. Coolidge, of Hadley, buried to-day.

Tuesday 14. History & Chronology to day - have been attending to the History of the Saracens, or followers of Mahomet. Cousin Timothy Clark removed his goods of family to Northampton to-day. Called there in the forenoon & evening.

Wednesday 15. Got a note discounted at Hampshire Bank for brother Hall, \$800. W. Hooker Jr & myself sureties. Received \$787.60. Sent \$787 to Greenfield by mail (counted by postmaster) & paid 66 cents postage. Towards night rode to Westhampton with brother Parsons & tarried at his house. Have not visited Westhampton since April 1834, a year ago.

Thursday 16. A snowy forenoon. In the afternoon walked up to the middle of the town - stopped at Timo. Phelps to adjust accounts. Every thing covered with snow. Staid at cousin J. A. Judd's.

Friday 17. In the forenoon walked over to cousin Eleazer Judd's with John A. A cold, blustering day with some snow squalls. Sheldon Judd there, on a visit, son of the late Doct. Sheldon Judd. Oran Kingsley came over in the evening. John A. went home & staid.

Saturday 18. Walked over to John A.'s with Eleazer in the forenoon. A very cold night, last night, & piercing wind to day, but the snow gradually disappears where exposed to the sun. Eleazer paid me \$10 for rent in 1833-4, which completes \$85 paid me for that year. No interest paid. I paid the \$10 to Severo Lyman for my subscription to Mr. Chapin's support the last year - a gift to the parish, they having no legal claim on me. I paid the same last year. Some of my fences in a bad state, & the buildings need repairs. Things do not appear very inviting. Every thing shows that the owner does not live there.

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Saturday 18. Not much appearance of spring in Westhampton. Cattle & sheep kept on hay - buds hardly begun to swell, & very few spots of green grass. Eleazer declines taking my mowing & pastures another year. He owes me for last year \$85 for rent of land, & he or John A. \$15 for house. In the afternoon, walked to Robert's meadow, & took tea at Horace Wright's. Paid Sarah A. Edwards \$30.74, just the amount I received for her from Solomon Warner. Walked in to N.H. half-way, and rode about half the distance. Called upon sister Hooker.

Sunday 19. Mr. Osgood of Springfield preached.

Monday 20. Rode to Hockanum with brother Johnson, & bought an old cow, (11 years old) & paid \$21 for her. Hopkin's drove her home. Have kept no cow since the latter part of 1833. My milk bill for a year has been above 20 dollars - day 3 pints a day at 4 cents a quart. Butcher bill as much as 30 cents a week, or 26 dollars a year. To keep a cow, costs in hay, grain & pasture about 35 dollars a year - perhaps more. Dined at brother Johnson's.

Tuesday 21. At home most of the day - on history, &c. The papers came out with my name at the head of candidates for County Commissioners. I refused to be a candidate when consulted, and shall decline. I instinctively flee from places of great responsibility, and have no taste or inclination for public office. The Temperance men & Democrats have united in nominating one of those with me, but I shall be off.

Wednesday 22. Weather still cold - vegetation has advanced very little. Lilack buds (the most forward of all) swelled but not opened. Mesely from New Haven College called to see us, & tell us about Sylvester. All well. A revival in College.

Thursday 23. I am this day 46 years old. Engaged in Mahometan History - Supreme Court in session.

Friday 24. Mr. Bancroft came here to see about County Commissioners. I told him I could not, would not serve if chosen. Father Hall came over from Hockanum -

Saturday 25. Mr. J. P. Williston to see me about County Commissioner. Told him my determination. He argued & remonstrated against it. Said the ticket would fail if my name was taken off - talked about duty. The kind of sluty which obliges a man to accept of a public office which he dislikes, when there are so many that like it and are qualified, has not much weight with me. It is a sort of self-denial that I do not feel bound to practice. I doubt whether I am of so much consequence as this Temperance man & others represent.

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Saturday 25. My Sheep - 1834-34.

Expenses of keeping &c. for the year ending latter part of April, or May 1. 1834.
 Kingsley account for keeping &c May 1834 — \$120.00
 Deduct 6 charged twice (by mistake) say 6.00
 Interest on sheep, & taxes say 9.00
 Interest on the \$114 to April 1835, when the wool sold, 6.00
 \$129.00 -

Returns — 79 fleeces sold to S. White, 224 ds — \$112.00
 4 " used in family & sold about here 5.00 -
 Pulled wool - made 25 yds. flannel, including }
 some wool, of the year before, say } 6.00 -
 9 wethers sold last fall — 18.00
 141.00 - gain \$12.

Allowing the flock to be now of the same value that it was a year ago, there has been a small gain \$12. In May 1834, there were 86 sheep, but at shearing time only 83. The 79 fleeces averaged about \$1.42 cents. (Fleeces sold in 1833 averaged about 1.50.) Had last year over 40 lambs that lived to the beginning of winter, when Kingsley took one fourth. I had 30 or 31. Add 30 to 83 = 113. Deduct 9 sold and one eaten by me & Kingsley leaves 103. The number a fortnight since was 96, some having died, & some have died since, & others will die before shearing time.

My real estate in Westhampton.

Income last year — Mowing & pasturing to Ebenezer Judd 85.00 not paid (note)
 House & garden to John A. Judd 15.00 not paid
 Store to Hooker, Hale & Judd — 25.00 (not paid & settled)
 Rent of my part of Mr. Chapin's homestead say 5.00 not paid (note)
 A few apples, say \$2. 130.00

Expenses. Town & highway tax about 15.00

Subscription to Mr. Chapin " 10.00 All paid, but no settlement as to last item.
 Parish tax here on W.H. property " 4.00 (last item settled.)
 Getting & spreading manure & putting up fences, &c say 8.00
 37.00

Leaving only 93 or 95 dollars for all rent — and allowing nothing for repairs.

J.P. Williston has received a letter from Mr. Geo. Thompson, at Albany stating that he will gladly accept of the invitation (signed by 27 persons) to deliver anti-slavery lectures here — cannot set the time — thinks it will be in June. Williston's name was at the top of the column and the letter was directed to him.

Received a letter from Col. Elisha Edwards, respecting county commissioners. The Col. is a little inclined to be off.

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- Saturday 25. It snowed almost all day. At night was 4 or 5 inches deep—probably much deeper on the hills.
- Sunday 26. Mr. Parney all day. It thawed considerably, but at night most of the ground & roofs were still covered with snow. In evening, wrote a letter to Col. E. Edwards.
- Monday 27. It froze last night. Snow goes off. History. Col. Edwards in.
- Tuesday 28. Heavy rain wind in the night & forenoon. It was a severe storm of snow on the western hills. Papers came out with Chauncy Clark's name instead of mine. I positively refused to be a candidate for County Commissioner. The Democrats feel confident of success, but I doubt. Do not care much about it.
- Wednesday 29. Western & Northern hills covered with snow. My aunt Sarah Clark came into day to her son Timothy Clark's. Has been to Westhampton a fortnight past. I could not have imagined a few years since that two of the aged sisters of my father (Clarina & Sarah) would come to Northampton to reside.
- Rode out to Westhampton in the afternoon with brother Parsons. Am informed that the snow on Sunday last (26th) was so deep that many went to meeting in sleighs. It fell the day before & was 10 or 12 inches deep on Saturday in the higher parts of the town. Also a violent storm of snow, hail & rain on Tuesday, 28th. Most of the people in W. H. are short for hay, and the grass has not started in the pastures, & the manured homelots have hardly begun to look green.
- Thursday 30. Staid at J. A. Judd's last night, & walked over to the old farm, now Orren Kingsley's—looked at his saw-mill, lands, my sheep &c. Remained at Mr. Kingsley's over-night—the first time I have slept in the house since my father lived there in 1820.

Haiden

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- Friday 1. Went to Elazer Judd's to dinner, & then to the store. Stopped at Mr. Hale's—spoke with the old gentleman—he gazed at me with an idiotic stare, & did not seem to know me. I left him as soon as possible, for I could bear to look at the venerable man now in ruins. His mind is gone, and he does not know his own house.
- Saturday 2. Lodged at J. A. Judd's last night. This morning went with Capt. Hale to look at my pastures, which he talks of hiring. Fences out of repair, &c.
- The weather is still cold, there are no leaves to be seen on the trees, & but few green spots in good pastures. In the afternoon rode to Northampton with Mr. Chapin. Found Sylvester at home, & brother Smith & Sarah, his daughter, there.

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Sunday 3. Mr. Penney all day. Brother Johnson over here to meeting. Father Hall here. Sylvester arrived here on Thursday. Lilac Bush by the window not yet leaved-out, though the buds are partly open.

Monday 4. Called with Sylvester upon sister Hooker, aunt Clarissa on Round Hill, & Elizabeth Kirkland (Daight) also on Round Hill. Crossed Mill River into South-street on the canal-aqueduct. This is the first time that I ever went to see the aqueduct. I have not much curiosity about new things. Town meeting in the afternoon - the new ticket for Commissioners, got up by radicals & temperance men received 112, 107 + 105 votes; the three names on the other ticket, that is, the old whig board, had 71, 70 + 68 votes. The new ticket received a greater majority than I anticipated - especially as all the great men, whether for temperance or otherwise voted for the old board. "Not many mighty" had any thing to do with the new nominations. Influential men are more afraid of radicalism than of any other ism on earth.

Tuesday 5. Rainy morning. Not a single tree to be seen that is in full leaf. Willows look green & soft maples red, & some other trees have attained their color a little, but no full leaves. No apparent change in apple trees - their appearance is that of winter. Rich mowing lands are quite green, but the grass on them would not afford a bite.

Sent \$15 to Hartford for Arethusa, on her note against me, and \$4 to pay for Apphia's bonnet. Arethusa has engaged to instruct a school or Academy in Uxbridge. Sylvester down with tooth-ache &c. Dr. Mather to visit him. Paid today \$100 on my note to Eliphalet Williams.

Wednesday 6. Rainy in the forenoon - afternoon pleasant. Took dinner at Chauncey Clark's with Rev. Josiah Clark & wife. Sent by him to S. J. Edwards, Greenfield, \$30.74, which I received for him in April from his father's estate. Dr. Mather here again to visit Sylvester. Called upon aunt Clark with sister Sarah. Attended to Greek & Latin with Hall. History.

Thursday 7. Visited Mr. Bancroft on the Hill - to get some Historical works relating to the origin & progress of nations. Borrowed a French work. Talked Politics some, & about his History. Visited Isaac Clark, sick at home. Read History.

Friday 8. History. Spent some hours over Malte-Brun, & History of Russia.

Saturday 9. With Hall in languages. Over Malte-Brun. Attended Funeral of Mr. Ingolls, a neighbor - a very good man. George Lyman here - lent him \$6. Letter from Dr. Hall, Wells of Andover, N.Y. - says he has ordered H. Ellensh, Esq. of Dalton to pay me his debt. Sylvester better & rode to Hadley.

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Saturday 9. There was a severe white frost this morning.
 Sunday 10. Pleasant & cool. Mr. Penney all day. H. Tins. Blacks in evening.
 Monday 11. Pleasant & cool. The apple & elm trees just begin to look green a little. Grass in mowings grows a little.
 Historical researches.

Tuesday 12. Settled some accounts & collected some monies.
 Weather warmer. Mr. Cummings is the only Commissioner chosen.

Wednesday 13. Owen Kingsley here to settle with me.

Sheep account.

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|----------------------------------|--------|---|-------------------|
| Keeping 71 sheep through year | @ 1.25 | = | \$ 88.75 |
| " 12 " through summer only | @ 50¢ | = | 6.00 |
| " 30 lambs & 2 rams, winter only | @ 75¢ | = | 24.00 |
| nothing | | | |
| <u>114.</u> | | | <u>\$ 118.75.</u> |

Of these 114 (rams not mine) only 86 remain alive - same as last year. 9 wethers were sold in fall - Kingsley had one old sheep - 2 died in Nov. or Dec. These three ~~sold~~ make 12 gone. 16 have died this spring - most of them since April 1st. & about half of them lambs. Kingsley charged for winter keeping all but one. $114 - 12 - 16 = 86$ now on hand.

Settlements as May 1.

Against Kingsley.
 Note given last year & interest 76.32
 " " in March last " 8.48
 " " in March last " 24.31
 " " in March last " 25.21
 Interest on three old notes 61.74
 Mistake (of 6 sheep) in last settlement } 7.95
 (keeping) and interest
 Old ewe 50¢ 1/2 felt of lamb 17¢ 0.67
 Lent him now (to make \$100) 13.87
218.75

For Kingsley.

Sheep keeping above 118.75
 New Note dated May 1. 100.00
218.75

Thursday 14. Rainy - cold. Reading Mahometan History & Early History of European nations - Malte-Brun &c. Johnson & Drusilla here.

Friday 15. Snow on the Northwestern hills. Cool. History.
 Mr. Bancroft called to converse about the Republican &c.

Saturday 16. Cool. Grass has started some within a few days, & trees have advanced a little, but vegetation is much in the rear. Apples & Elm present but little green as yet, & the chestnuts on Round Hill look as dry as in winter. Nothing like flowers on any tree. The farmers on the hills have suffered much - no hay & no grass. Destruction among lambs.

Father Hall & Betsey here on their way home to W.H. from Greenfield.

Sunday 17. Mr. Whelpley (now preaching to 2d Society in Belkinstown) all day.

Monday 18. A little warmer. Historical researches. Cow put in street with drove.

Tuesday 19. Warmer still - can be comfortable without a fire. Spring-like weather, & with the singing of birds, &c. very pleasant.
 Early History of the German tribes & nations.

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Wednesday 20. Warmer yet. Vegetation advances rapidly.

Blossoms appear on early apple trees, cherry trees &c. A few blossoms were out yesterday. Many apple trees hardly green with leaves. Lilack blossoms not out.

B.B. Hoxie & wife have arrived at Robert's Meadow. He will go into business with Leander Moody, & Horace Wright will leave Hoxie & Wright here to see about deeds, money &c.

Engaged in history of the primitive inhabitants of Germany &c.

Thursday 21. Not so warm, but vegetation advancing rapidly.

Spent most of the day with B.B. Hoxie & Horace Wright, in adjusting their & my concerns. Hannah B. wife of Hoxie, & my ward, was here. After deducting her note to me given in 1833, & all charges & expenses to this time, I owed her \$636.45 and paid her the same. The deed of Horace Wright's land & homestead was given to her. Most of her money for land had been deposited in the Banks for months past, without interest. The \$200 which I lent to Richardson Hall, not having been paid, I borrowed \$200 at Northampton Bank for 30 days - Note signed by me & Chauncey Clark. Paid her as follows: -

Deposited in Northampton Bank 258.69
Deposited in Hampshire Bank 100.00
Due from R. Hall - I borrowed at N. H. Bank 200.00.

Paid from money on hand, is Balance. . . 77.76
636.45

The original deposit in Hampshire Bank was \$400. I had taken out \$200 for brother Hall, & 100 for myself, leaving only \$100. Most half of the 100 which I took was due to me on her note; and the remaining half, with 30.74 received of Solomon Warner, in full of interest on the \$200 and the half of 44, made the \$77.76 which I paid. So I have got through with another of my wards. Charged her for all expenses about selling land, & taking care of her affairs \$10. Not so much as it ought to have been.

Signed a Note at Hampshire Bank for 150 dollars, as surety for Jesse Lyman of W. H. - half to be paid in 6 months and half in a year. --- George Lyman, here at night.

Rode into meadow with William Clark Jr. towards night.

The Edwards church folks have set up an Organ which arrived last week, and all are agog to hear & see it. In the evening all the village turned out & filled the house. The object is to please the senses & attract people. If a few leading men & women should favor it, any flummery might be introduced into our churches. People are governed by their eyes & ears in all countries, to a considerable extent. The "simplicity of the Gospel" is a good thing to talk about, but not much practiced.

May 1835

- Friday 22. Last night colder, & fire convenient. Cold this morning. In afternoon rode to Westhampton with Chauncy Clark, Surveyor, to settle a difficulty between A. Elwell and Saml. Pomeroy, respecting a line. The land on each side of the line was sold by my father, & as the true line had never been run & marked out, they quarrelled about it. We found the corner or starting point & established the line where it ought to be, but not where either of them supposed it was. There was land enough. This affair cost me for horse & waggon & surveyor \$1.75, & neither of the men had liberality enough to pay any part of it.
- Saturday 23. Nights are cool, & there has been a little frost some mornings. A day spent here & then - part at Sister Hooker's. Hall making Garden
- Sunday 24. A stranger in forenoon. Mr. P. afternoon. In the evening Doct. Mussey delivered a lecture in Town Hall against tight-lacing. Mr. Todd, I understand, refused the meeting house for this lecture, because it was too holy a place! Fudge! This is mere superstition. No place is too holy for a good object.
- Monday 25. Cool - fine necessary. Apple trees not yet in full blossom. Lilack just beginning to blossom. Sylvester started for New Haven in Stage. Hall gardening. [Mr. Warner's apple trees at Bear Hill in full blossom May 29.] Sylvester has had in money, since he entered Yale College in Sept. 1832, upwards of 200 dollars in cash, besides his clothing & some books. He has had all that I ever encouraged him with giving, and more; and he must hereafter take care of himself, or at least, refund what he has of me. On Saturday last, he borrowed of Hamp. Miss. Society (E. Williams, Treasurer) \$25 to carry him through this term, which will complete 3 years of college life. He signed the note as principal & I as surety. He must pay it. He has clothing enough to carry him to the fall. One year will then remain for him to provide for himself in college. Another lecture on tight lacing in the evening, in the old meeting-house, which is not quite so holy as the Edwards church.
- Tuesday 26. Warm. History, &c. Brother Hall's children here - they leave Sarah, to take the stage tomorrow-morning for Westfield.
- Wednesday 27. History, &c.
- Thursday 28. Brother Parsons' wife here. He paid me \$15 for the old mare which he sold, & \$5 due on the waggon; and \$6.35 for my part of the rent of Mr. Chapin's place. I hold 1 share & $\frac{1}{2}$ of another. Towards night son J. W. wife & child, & sister Irene arrived from Hartford. Irene left us in Dec. 1829, and has not been at home since. She has earned, I suppose 8 or 900 dolls. Has been in Charlotte Co. Virginia, all the time.

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Friday 29. Visiting with children. Bought 765 pounds of hay at \$13 per ton.
At Chauncey Clarks & Samuel Clarks in evening.

Saturday 30. Children to Westthorpton. A case of small-pox at Vinton's
declared this morning.

Sunday 31. Mr. Penney all day. Mr. Bancroft & Isaac Clarks here in
evening. J. W. & Hall went in the evening to attend a
meeting of the dancing-religionists at Israel Lyman's.
Did not get home till midnight.

June 1835

Monday 1. Understanding Mr. Birney, of Kentucky would be in Hartford
this week, wrote a letter inviting him to visit this place
and address us on the abolition cause. Signed by ten.
Wrote a short communication for each newspaper nominating
William Clark, Jr. & Eliske Edwards for County Comrs.
Several persons called here to see J. W. & wife. In evening we
visited at cousin Timothy Clark's. Aunt Clark is very
forgetful & broken - fast advancing into second childhood.

Tuesday 2. About the village - helped a little about tickets for the Temperance
County Commissioners. J. W. & brother Johnson & Drusiller went
to Greenfield - returned about 9 o'clock. J. & D. tarried here overnight.

Wednesday 3. All in a hubbub - fitting out Apphia to go to Uxbridge Acad-
emy, where Arctura is preceptress. Mr. Turner called to see
J. W. about C. Parkman. There is some uneasiness and
unpleasant feelings between C. P. & Mr. Turner. About 9 o'clock
J. W. wife & child, Apphia & Hall started for Hartford with
a good supply of trunks, &c. Apphia will go from Hartford
to Uxbridge. I gave her no money (except 50 or 60 cents) but
she has \$6 which J. W. let her have, & I must pay her bills at U.
at end of the term.

Received a letter from Hartford, stating that Mr. Birney will be
here tomorrow, & deliver an address in the evening. Got some
handbills printed, giving notice of the meeting.

Thursday 4. Mr. Birney arrived at noon - went home with Mr. Bancroft -
took tea at W. H. Stoddards with Mr. Penney - made an address in the
old parish meeting house in the evening - continued until half past
nine or after. Mr. Penney refused to go into the pulpit, so there
was no prayer. The address was plain reasoning - no appeals
to the passions. Nearly all seemed to be pleased - many found
out that immediate emancipation was not a monster, as they
had imagined. Mr. Penney & Mr. Todd professed to like the
sentiments of Mr. Birney.

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Friday 5. In the morning, went with C.P. Huntington & Moses Brock to Mr. Bancrofts to converse with Mr. Birney. Spent an hour or two in conversation with him respecting slavery & other matters. He departed for Hartford before noon.

Saturday 6. Historical researches.

Sunday 7. Mr. Penny A.M. Professor Park P.M. Sacramento.

Monday 8. Most of the time in History. Town-meeting Monday for

Tuesday 9 } 2 County Commissioners. Old Board probably chosen.

Wednesday 10. Some of us, friends of Temperance, put up William Clark, Jr. in opposition to one of old board who is a Rum drinker, & does not believe in abstinence; & is besides quite inferior to Clark in mental acquirements. But the spirit of party prevailed; the old board was considered the Whig ticket (though Mr. Clark is a Whig) & our Temperance men & Christians generally went for the anti-Temperance man; yea, they voted for the Whig ticket irrespective of the qualifications of the men; & in a few days they will be complaining about licenses! It has been the opinion of many of us that the political bond is far stronger than any religious or moral bond, & that those called the aristocracy will disregard the religion & morals of a candidate, rather than vote for the best man in the community, if they think the latter is tainted with Democracy. My observation for years makes me a full believer in this. The leading men, the men of wealth & power are more afraid of Democracy than they are of skepticism or any other ism. An orthodox nabob will support a Unitarian nabob in preference to the most exemplary man of his own denomination, if the latter is suspected of being inclined to get out of the trammels of party, & act independently. There are exceptions lower down, but very few in the upper crust.

Thursday 11. Hall arrived from Hartford.

Taxes. My Parish tax here is ^{\$ Paid} 10.04 (5 per cent off for prompt pay). It is paid The whole tax is \$1352; of course I am taxed for a 135 part of the whole. There are only 32 in the parish higher than I. I do not believe in the justice of this; but if a man will be dishonest in giving in their list, I cannot follow them. My valuation is \$3000, money at interest, & \$1800 real estate. My Town security tax for the \$3000 personal estate (real taxed in W.H.) is \$22.10 including 2 polls - viz two polls \$3.64 and \$2000 at \$5.82 per 1000, \$11.64. [Paid this tax June 26. - 5 per cent off]

Town tax in Westhampton \$8.00. [Paid July 9.]

Highway tax in do 3.95 [Paid to Theodore Clark & I paid him.]

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Friday 12. Irene came from Greenfield. I settled with her and paid her \$10, & gave her a new note for 148 dollars. Brother Hall sent money & I paid the \$200 note at Bank, given May 21.

At Bancroft's in the afternoon, examining Indian languages.

Saturday 13. Rainy, after a very dry time. Centre pretty empty, because of the varioloid. People in neighboring towns all frightened.

Sunday 14. Mr. Penny A.M. Mr. Church (a skeleton-looking man) P.M.

Monday 15. Hall again went to Academy. Paid him \$3.50 for tuition, \$1.00 for toll, & 4.12 for Taylor's bill in Hadley. Hopkiss began to go to the Academy at the commencement of the term, June 3. He earned the money by carrying the Republican paper, & chose to spend it in this way.

Tuesday, Wednesday } Most of time in the Garden, & in Saxon History,

Thursday, Friday } or Early History of England.

A very heavy rain Friday night. Very dry, previously.

Saturday 20. Cold & windy, after the storm.

Sunday 21. Mr. Penny all day. Cool. ^{first in low ground} are comfortable. } O. Warner

Monday 22. Still cool. Mr. Kingsley here. I hear from him that my sheep at shearing were reduced to 81. Have lost therefore since the beginning of winter 23 sheep. He brought in 29 or 30 lbs of wool pulled from dead sheep. Had 3 weeks since 46 lambs of this spring's yearning. They are now reduced to 34 by dogs, foxes, or something else. The fleeces sheared, (about 20 of them from last year's lambs) Kingsley thinks, will not average over 2½ lbs. wool.

Tuesday 23. Cool. Irene returned from S. Hadley. Wrote to Brother Hall. In the afternoon, rode to Amherst (gratis) with Geo. Bancroft, Ch. Clark, Isaac Clark, & Hiram Perry—went to East parish where I never was before, & viewed the extensive carriage-maker's establishment of Knowles & Thayer, where many of the aristocrats of the land are supplied with carriages which cost from 600 or 1000 to 1500 or 1600 dollars. Called on Professor Hitchcock in returning, & he showed us his mineralogical collection in the college, & the slabs of stone containing the Turkey tracks, or impressions of something when the stone was soft, like the foot of a Turkey, which went on with so much force, that they may be seen on the lower side of the stone, which is 1½ inches thick.

Wednesday 24. Hoeing in garden &c.

Thursday 25. Brother Parsons paid me money for wool, just sold in West Hampton. 82 fleeces (he says—Kingsley called it 81) weighed only 189½ lbs @ 55¢ = 104.09. This is too bad—fleeces weighed only 2 pounds 5¾ each. Such light fleeces I never had before. Sheep will run me in debt at this rate.

[In July. Pulled wool, as when washed, weighed 17 lbs (besides 3 or 4 lbs of poor) worth say 8 dollars or 9.

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Friday 26 Paid balance of my note to Eliphalet Williams ^{\$}162.37, and my taxes. Had to borrow ^{\$}25 of Irene, to complete it. The Note to Williams was signed by myself & my father, & was dated Aug. 11. 1829 - for ^{\$}250. This is, so far as I know, the last note to which my father's name is subscribed, for one, or for himself. There is a note at Solomon Stoddard, signed by him as surety for John A. & Eleazar Judd. I have paid interest on this note to Williams ^{\$}87.37 - all right. Bought a quarter of veal yesterday, which is the first pound of fresh meat, I have had since last winter, except for 8 pounds when Sylvester was sick in May, & a few pounds of beef of Horace Symon. Have had in all (with this) perhaps 135 pounds of fresh meat in 4 months.

Saturday 27. Cousin Eleazar Judd returned from Leicester where he had been with his wool. Sold it, 380 fleeces, 1085 pounds at 65 cents ^{\$}705.25 - took note 6mo. on interest. Had besides a coat's cloth worth about ^{\$}10. Received about ^{\$}1.86 or 1.87 per fleece on an average - almost half of his flock rams & wethers. My fleeces came to only ^{\$}1.27 per fleece.

Sunday 28. ill. Penny all day.

Monday 29. Sister Smith & Dan. Sarah here. Irene goes to Westhampton.

Tuesday 30. We have had, as yet, but little warm weather. The grass crop if mowed at the usual time, will in general be very light. A fire would not be uncomfortable today. Hoed in Garden. In afternoon went up to Mr. Bancrofts & picked several quarts of cherries & brought home.

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Wednesday 1. Cold night & morning. C. Parkman started for Hartford in the stage about 4 o'clock this morning. He has lived with Mr. Turner, book-binder since March 1829. He became uneasy a few months since; and when J. W. was here, he made an arrangement with Mr. Turner, by which Parkman was to leave him July 1st (he will be 21 in January next) and pay him ^{\$}45. P. will work for Andrews & Judd to pay the 45 dollars, & probably longer. His mind is on books.

In the afternoon, rode to Westhampton with Richard Hale - settled with J. S. Kingsley - tea at Brother Parsons' - thence to Oren Kingsley's & lodged there. In the morning went with Kingsley over pasture & woodlands - down to Mr. Gee's - had a chat with father & mother Gee, & got more fair promises from Mr. Gouch, about some pay on his debt. Back to Kingsley's & over to the store. Found my grass much better than I expected for this cold, dry weather. Called at Mr. Hale's & Mr. Chapin's. Staid with cousin John A.

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Friday 3. Looked about on my place & Chapman's. Cherries in abundance on my English cherry & other cherry trees. English cherries a bastard kind of fruit. I shall not take the trouble to gather any. Apple-trees pretty well filled - quite enough.

Mr. Hale, in his state of idiosyncrasy & mental derangement, left his house, to go (as he afterwards said) to Williamsburgh. Mrs. Phelps persuaded him to stop there (Jared Hunt place) and Mr. Chapman & I went over & persuaded him to return home. I accompanied him back. His mind is a complete wreck, & his appearance very unpleasant & disgusting. The old gentleman will not continue long, nor is it at all desirable that he should. Who would pray or wish to survive his own mind? I examined the silk worms in Mr. Hale's garret, under the care of Philletus - more curious than profitable. I imagine, but others think differently. The mulberry & silk-worm fever rages considerably in the community.

In the afternoon, walked over to Robert's Meadow & took tea with Hoxie & his wife. Both appear well, & will, I trust, do well in the world. About sun-down walked in, & arrived about half past nine. I walked all the way from Westhampton (save about 100 rods) 8 miles or more. I have not walked so far for a long time. — Pig bought of S. M. Smith, 4 or 5 weeks old brought home. Price \$2.00

Saturday 4. This is a day in which many people lose their personal Independence. There was some ringing this morning, & some squibbling among the boys last night & to day, but on the whole, the village is pretty quiet. The farmers are generally at work. The Democrats ^{willy} have something to eat & a little sporting & boasting, I suppose; but I have no taste for such things, & though urged to join, shall not go near them. Warm yesterday afternoon, & still warmer to day.

Afternoon. There was more motion in the village in the afternoon, and about half past 4 o'clock, the bells began to ring & the cannon to fire & the boys & girls to run - a canal boat had arrived, the first that ever reached this place. There was quite a gathering, I am informed, some shouting. I kept as far off as I could conveniently - did not go out of Market Street in the afternoon. Was several hours at Cousin Timothy Clark's who is down with the mumps. Some drunk & well-combed men to be seen towards night. There was a refreshing thunder-shower in the afternoon - and it was cooler after it.

Sunday 5. Mr. Penney A. M. Mr. Brown, of Hadley P. M. Warm.

In the evening Mr. Sergeant of Boston delivered an address on Temperance or rather on Total Abstinence from all intoxicating drinks, in the old parish M. House.

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Monday 6. Independence not yet over; a tea-party on the Hill near Bancroft's; another at upper end of Market-Street. I went to South-Street & viewed Mr. Whitmarsh's Silk-worm establishment.

Tuesday 7. In Garden. In evening at Chauncy Clarke's. Laughed at the democrats some about their 4th July toasts. Mr. Penney told Mr. Bancroft some time since that his Democracy was somewhat piebald. The Democracy that is exhibited in the paper here is certainly a little piebald. I have written nothing for the paper since some of the first numbers. Warm day.

Wednesday 8. { Not much accomplished these days, intellectual or otherwise.
Th. 9. F. 10.
Saturday 11. } Weather moderately warm—a little rain. Visited Whitmarsh's establishment of silk-worms, &c. with some Hatfield men.

B. E. Cook's Jewelry shop broken open & considerable property taken which makes much talk. I have for some weeks visited cousin Timothy Clark's once or twice a day, he & others of the family being sick—Irene came in from Westhampton this day, viz. Saturday, & cousin Hannah Burt here from South-Street.

Oren Kingsley began my haying on Monday last, July 6, but I understand, got in no hay until to-day.

Sunday 12. Mr. Hopkins & Mr. Beckwith on Peace principles Poll. Mr. Spencer, our former pastor, in the evening.

Monday 13. Very warm. In garden, &c. At Bancroft's to borrow books in the afternoon. Rain & heavy thunder in evening.

Tuesday 14. Fine air. Growing weather.

Wednesday 15. Rainy some, & much rain during night. Paid niece Theresa Lyman \$3 on my note, to be indorsed. Busy with another volume of Anglo-Saxon History.

Thursday 16. History. This afternoon it was suspected that Henry Bardwell, an apprentice in the Courier office, had plundered B. E. Cook's shop. He has spent money freely for sometime & suspicious began some days ago, but to day, two men went to his room where he boarded—found him, charged him with the theft, & he acknowledged, and confessed also that he had taken money from the stores of L. P. Williston, Isaac Clarke & J. H. Butter. All of Cook's articles were found in his trunks, \$45 in bills and several dollars in specie. He escaped from the house (Dr. E. Malters) and ran up ^{between Market & King} streets. There was an alarm; many turned out in pursuit; the bell of the old meeting house was rung; he was found in a wheat-field towards the upper end of the village or beyond, brought to the town hall

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Thursday 16 — and examined. The Hall was crowded. He was committed to jail. Bardwell has respectable parents in Belchertown. He was an intelligent, fine looking young man (not fond of books, however,) about 17, and was respected, & admitted into respectable families. For two or three years he has been in my Sunday School Class — was always there, but not very attentive to his lessons, as much so, however, as a majority of scholars. He was there last Sabbath, after Cook's shop was robbed by him! Alas! how fallen! He is ruined for this world, worse than dead. The anguish of his parents & friends — who can imagine its intensity? "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall."

Friday 17. All the village talk is about young Bardwell. Some, whose hearts are blacker than his are the most severe against him. He acknowledges having taken money from 5 stores to an amount greater than their (supposed) losses; that is, if we add what he is known to have spent to the rest. 90 dollars were found in his trunk — one half of it in specie. To-day the body of a boy of Chester Clark, 8 or 9 years old was found at South Farms. The boy was drowned in the Great River near the end of the canal, on Tuesday. The body could not be found until To-day, when it was brought up from the Farms & buried. It had risen & floated several miles.

Saturday 18. Took up brother Hall's note at H. Bank for \$800, paid \$250 principal & \$8.53 interest (Brother Hall sent \$259, & I rec'd. 47 cts back) New note dated to-day, & signed by Hall, W. Hookin, Jr & myself (two last as sureties) put in for \$550.

Weighed to-day — my weight is 158 pounds. I have weighed 165 pounds, and as low as 153, — commonly for 20 years past not far from 160. Am heavier now than I was when I came to Northampton — & heavier than I was last winter.

Fine growing-weather for some days past, but poor Hay-weather. Kingsley finished my haying (all that was to be mowed now) therefore — part of this week — thinks he has cut 9 tons. — 6 for one & 3 for him. It turned out very well, as to quantity & quality.

Sunday 19. Mr. Hopkins (elder) A.M. Mr. Hopkins (younger) P.M.

Monday 20. Anglo-Saxon History. People begin to reap rye. 3 warm

Tuesday 21. Growing weather. Some rain. An article appeared in the Republican about "the late editor of the Hampshire Gazette" containing some truth & some not exactly true. I would thank them (Mr. Bancroft, this is) to let me alone. Praise, if deserved, I dislike; if undeserved & mixed with error, I detest it.

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Wednesday 22. Considerable talk about young Bardwell and his confessions. Doct. Mather told him to clear out & escape if he could. Some censure this. The doctor openly justifies this on the principles laid down in Christ's sermon on the mount. The papers have blackened young Bardwell too much. He is a criminal, but he is not exactly what he is represented to be. He is not the most heinous sinner in the community.

In the afternoon rode with Irene & wife to brother Johnson's in Hockanum. Raked hay an hour or two for brother J. in meadow. Left here & came home in the evening.

Thursday 23. Anglo-Saxon History. At Chauncy Clark's in evening.

Friday 24. Hall left the Academy last Saturday, and has been at home this week - attended only half of this quarter - paid back part of the money for tuition, \$1.75. His head is too full of perfection nations.

Saturday 25. Last evening, Mr. Bancroft called to talk about the Republican. The printer is a poor fellow; there is no certain agreement between him & those who engaged him to print the paper. The whole is a rickety concern & is in danger of falling through. I hope it will be sustained; but have no idea of becoming the conductor, as I am solicited to do. "A burnt child dreads the fire".

Towards night a heavy shower - very heavy, of rain, with wind & thunder. Corn prostrated in the garden.

Sunday 26. Mr. Hopkins all day. Was at cousin Timothy's in evening.

Fashion. Some years since, almost every body ~~were~~ wore white neck-knfs, or cravats. Black stocks & blk. Hdkfs have been coming in, & in looking about the meeting house to day, I saw but two persons in the whole assembly who had white neck-cloths, & I made three. Almost all had black about the neck. I saw no red or yellow knfs on the neck. - Irene came from Hockanum in the evening.

Monday. Fine, airy day. Searching history - early history - I love to go back to the origin of things.

Tuesday 28. Cloudy. History.

Wednesday 29. Cloudy & some rain. Thunder shower last night.

The day for the canal Celebration. Between one & two o'clock, all the bells (4) began to ring & the cannon to fire & the men, women, boys & girls to run. The firing & ringing continued almost all the afternoon, & there was some shouting & some noise of musical instruments. The New Haven party, Westfield, &c dined with those of Northampton.

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Wednesday 29. — in the new building below the mansion House. A few got drunk on Champagne. I kept at home, & had not the day been cloudy with some rain, should have gone out of hearing of the racket. At cousin Timothy's in the evening, & heard him relate the occurrences & doings of the day.

Thursday 30. Col. Hooker called to see me — spent some time with him talking about H. T. Hooker's affairs, &c. H. T. with his son Worthington left here on Friday night, July 24, to get rid of creditors & find business; he reached Pownal on Saturday. I did not know of the movement until Monday, 27. — found Sarah alone & in a state of anxiety. H. T. it seems, cannot pay his debts, & several will meet with losses.

Friday 31. French History, &c. Went up to see sister Sarah again. Do not know what course she will take. Thunder shower in afternoon. Wm. Clark here in evening.

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Saturday 1. Cloudy. Had a ride yesterday in the forenoon with Wm. Clark, Jr. to see his corn & grass, on the Jewett lot, at Broughton's meadow, on plain beyond Oil Mill, &c. Corn-land all level — no hills. Looked well for such land. He manages well & makes his way profitable; but some who try to imitate him, without his judgment, will not succeed so well. The old way, however erroneous, is commonly safest for men who do not think & reason — who lack discernment. Hear of the death of Mr. Ezra Kingsley, who was killed yesterday by lightning, in his house at Westhampton.

Sunday 2. Mr. Hopkins all day, Sacramento. At sister Sarah's in evening.

Monday 3. History, &c. chiefly Northampton History.

Tuesday 4. Cold last night — white frost in some places, east & west, this morning. At Isaac Clunk's store in evening — Bancroft there; he feels well.

Wednesday 5. Spent half of yesterday & to-day in trying to get a neighbor, Zephaniah Hunt, out of difficulty. Cold yet. Called to see Sarah.

Thursday 6. Weather quite cool. Most of the time, on early Friday 7 { French & Spanish History (in French language) I went.

Saturday 8 to get to the foundation, the origin & causes of the abuses & oppressions, under which mankind have been borne down in all ages.

Letter from Apphia — also from Parkman. Sarah Hall arrived from Westfield Saturday evening.

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Sunday 9 Mr. Penney ~~Shall~~. A stranger P. M. preached all to sleep by an ill-judged discourse about the prophecies.

Monday 10. Nathan Hale's family came along & carried Sarah Hall to Greenfield.

Thursday 13. Sister Lyman & Clarissa Bisbee & babe here. Irene & brother Parsons & wife came in from W. H. Brother Smith & wife called here.

Called at ~~Miss~~ Moies' (sent for) to see her & Mrs. Bardwell about Henry Bardwell, son of the latter, now in prison for theft. They want any aid to see if anything can be done to mitigate Henry's (probable) sentence or punishment.

Friday 14. Spent some time about Henry, & called to see the women again. Do not see much ground for mitigation, but will do what I can. — Irene started this morning for Uxbridge. Called to see Sarah in her lonely state. Have paid her \$3 in money, \$3.72 & 60¢ in goods. — \$5 more. 44th for lock — all \$12.76

Saturday 15. Visited Mr. Bancroft who is about removing to Springfield. Shall miss his library, as well as him.

Sylvester returned towards night from New Haven. Went to Guilford last week (J. W. & wife were there) & got poisoned, which affected his head & eyes as it did last year. J. W. brought him to Hartford. Commencement is next week.

Yesterday Mr. Brown & Patch from Chalemout called to see me about an old responsibility or guarantee of his for Apollos Wright, one of my post-riders, who failed 4 or 5 years ago, & owes me between 3 & 400 dollars principal. Mr. Brown is probably legally hounded, though this is not certain. But as he has a sick family & a hard row to hoe, I offered to take 100 dollars or less; & finally gave him his friend the papers & his guarantee, that they might consult lawyers & satisfy themselves as to Mr. Brown's liability. It was my own proposition, thus to give into their hands all the evidences I had of the indebtedness of Wright or Brown. I believe they are honest. I have played the fool — the money-making, money-sextorting world will say. I ought, they will say (at least by their practice) to collect the whole & turn Brown & his family out of doors. God forbid! Besides, I have been to blame, in letting Wright go as he did without paying; & in letting Brown alone till last winter (having lost or mislaid his warrantee, could make no demand till I found it in Jan'y last.) though since Wright's failure, nothing could have been collected of him by Brown.

Sunday 16. A stranger P. M. Mr. Penney P. M. Mr. Baldwin of N. York in evening.

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Monday 17. Engaged much of the day in the Bardwell affair - a sad case.

Tuesday 18. Still the same for some hours. Not much help can be rendered, that will avail anything. Wife & Sylvester went to Westhampton in afternoon. Heavy rain. In the night it came down in torrents.

Wednesday 19. Bardwell was brought to Court house in an apparently deranged state - some supposed he feigned it. Was sent back to jail.

Did business with Rufus Powers & others. Was at sister Sarah's P. M. J. Allen Strong paid me his note \$159.90 - for wool sold to him and H. T. Hooker in 1833.

Thursday 20. } Engaged about some accounts, & about young Bardwell.

Friday 21. } Bardwell was placed in the bar again, & there was an examination before the jury as to his insanity, he refusing to answer or speak. The case was postponed to November court. Owen Kingsley & wife here on Thursday; also Roxana Hunt and Sarah Smith, her sister, & Mr. Smith.

Saturday 22. On History. Arthesa & Irene arrived from Uxbridge towards night, came by way of Providence & Hartford. Left Uxbridge at Uxbridge. [21 & 22 cold. Great coats worn by some. O. W.]

Sunday 23. Mr. Penney A. M. Mr. Todd P. M. Isaac Clark here in the evening - Cool weather & serene days.

Monday 24. At sister Sarah's - on history, &c.

Tuesday 25. Talk with Mr. Bancroft on politics. He has sold out and is now at Mansion House, where his wife is sick. He is down-hearted, in consequence.

In afternoon went to Amherst with Sylvester, to hear Mr. Edwin Everell's oration. A large concourse; I had to stand up in the meeting-house. Oration well-delivered & good, but not quite equal to my expectation. Came back towards evening, spent nothing but 40 cents for bridge-toll - had Mr. Bancroft's horse & carriage gratis. Hall went over on foot, but rode home.

Wednesday 26. Commencement at Amherst - some rainy. Hall & Hopkins went from here, Sylvester from Hadley, where he staid last night. George Lyman came here & staid over night. Rev. Saul Clark, of Egremont here in the evening. Theresa Lyman & son of Abner Lyman & son of Anna Wright here to tea. Paid \$4.50 to Noyes, for Sylvester, for books.

Thursday 27. Rev. R. B. Chapin & wife here in the forenoon - also sister Parsons. In the afternoon, Mr. Samuel Matthews, a preacher & instructor in Quincy, Florida, (formerly of Easthampton) called to see Irene - was acquainted with her in Virginia. I ascertained in the evening that an immediate marriage had been concluded between them - They had, it seems, approximated towards this result while she was in Virginia. In the evening Mr. Ogden Dwight was ordained a missionary in the meeting house.

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Friday 28. Mr. Matthews here again in the morning. I went up to assist Sister Hooker in packing up some things, yesterday, & again to-day. — Mr. Nathaniel Chauncey of Philadelphia a descendant of Rev. N. Chauncey, 2d minister of Hartford, called to get some information about his ancestors.

News from the Moon. To-day some New York papers arrived, containing letters from the company that went out from England to the vicinity of the Cape of Good Hope, with instruments of immense magnitude & power, to make observations on the heavenly bodies. The account of their discoveries in the moon — trees, rocks, hills, flowers, lakes, rivers, beasts, birds, the bat-man, &c. excited great astonishment & admiration. I found the court-house people in a state of ecstasy; & for myself, never was more deeply interested in any news that I ever heard. This is news indeed — news from the moon too, apparently in an authentic shape.

Towards eight brother Johnson & wife here. Irene's marriage, which is soon to take place, has thrown all the family into a hurly-burly. Then we have the Discoveries in the Moon, made by John Herschel & his coadjutors, to engage our attention, & talk.

Saturday 29. Deac. Elisha King paid me \$9.75 for the iron on a pair of cart-wheels. — 26th at 4^{cts} \$10.44 — Deduct for carrying home the wheels & getting off the iron 69 cents, leaving \$9.75. The boxes are mine. This broad rimmed, double-tired cart I procured in 1817 & 1818. It cost me, I think, over 30 dollars, probably near 40. The wood-work was rotten. — Irene & Arthusa went to Westhampton.

Sunday 30. Staid at home — unwell. Mr. Vanarsdalen of Hartford, preached in the evening Mr. Hunt from the South, delivered an address on Temperance — an original, eccentric, powerful man, who excited much attention.

Monday 31. The N. Y. Evangelist of Saturday contained the account of the discoveries in the Moon, & expressed no doubt on the subject; but it seems probable from the accounts received to-day that the whole is a hoax — an ingenious fiction. It was well done, & we had our ecstasy, be it true or false.

Visited Sarah in the forenoon & called at Mrs. (Rev. Solo.) Williams's. J. B. Sheldon, from Ohio, & wife, called here in the afternoon. Heard Mr. Hunt's 2d Temperance lecture in the evening. Rather merry turne. He has a little too much fun for a lecturer on a serious subject; he does not understand northern habits & ways of thinking.

September 1835

Tuesday 1. At Sister Hooker's part of the day packing away her things. Wife, Sylvester, Hall, Brothers Johnson & Smith & wives, sister Hall & 5 children from Greenfield, & Mr Matthews, Irene & Arthura all at brother Parsons. Father Hall quite sick. Those of my family, & Arthura, returned in the evening & brother Smith & wife staid here over night.

In the evening Mr. Hunt delivered his 3d Temperance lecture, - many good arguments & powerful appeals, but with all, so many vulgar stories & ludicrous anecdotes, that it appeared too much like a farce in the theatre.

Wednesday 2. At Sister Sarah's again. Rainy forenoon. In the afternoon she & little Sarah left for Westhampton, & the house was closed. She has had of me cash & goods (see Aug 14th) \$12.76.

I have had of her - Cash 5.00; order on Isaac Clark \$2.25.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ bbl of soap \$2.00 - 1 bushel corn-meal \$1.00. 24 pounds Lard ^{poor} ~~1.40~~ (32-8) ^{out}
 15 pounds pork (poor) ~~90~~ ⁹⁰ - $\frac{1}{2}$ great table cloth that was my father's 1.00.
 4 doz candles 50c. Rags sold for 69 cts. Cob-meal, 0.00. - all 13.78 -
 [Paid her balance Feb. 11. 1836.]

Mr. Matthews & Irene returned to day from E. H. & bro. Johnson from W. H. Father Hall worse.

Mr. Hunt's 4th lecture - a good supply of stories, but on the whole more serious & impressive than the two preceding ones. He goes against all intoxicating drinks - says considerable about cider & evidently does not know much about cider - seems to believe that sweet cider is intoxicating.

Thursday 3. Paid Irene what I owed her, viz. Note \$148. Interest \$1.92 ⁷/₈
 Money borrowed June 26, \$25 - since paid \$10 - remaining \$15
 I paid her the \$164.92, & we are now even.

I owe Arthura for Apphia's board last quarter ~~10.4~~ ^{10.4} weeks @ 10c. 17.63

Brother Parsons came in with Drusilla - father Hall no better.

Irene & I rode out with brother P. I watched with father Hall.

Friday 4. Father Hall anxious to have some alterations in his will. We tried to dissuade him, knowing that his state of both mind & body was unfit for the task. Could not pacify him, & I wrote a codicil to his will of March 27. 1834, & had it completed. Irene returned towards night & I remained to aid in taking care of father, & of brother Parsons son Aaron, who is also sick.

Saturday 5. Father Hall more quiet & more inclined to sleep, but evidently sinking. Voice impaired, & it was difficult to understand him. His leg which was swollen to double the usual size, & discharged much matter, looked worse & showed some signs of mortification. In the afternoon his breathing became laborious, & his pulse feeble & flickering. He continued until half past 6, a little after sundown, & then ceased to breathe.

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Saturday 5. Brother Parsons & wife, Mrs. Luther King & myself were the only persons present when father died. Arethusa arrived 10 or 15 minutes after he had breathed his last. Help was procured, and it was nearly midnight before he was laid out, arrangements made for funeral, &c. I slept the rest of the night on a sofa in the room with Aaron.

Sunday 6. Arethusa & I rode to Northampton before breakfast - found Irene sick; she had had a physician in the night. Wife was not much better. Sylvester went over to Hockanum to notify the friends, & then to Easthampton & brought Mr. Matthews back with him. Rather a confused day here. Not much Sunday here. I have not had my clothes off since Wednesday night. The younger children went to meeting, but no others.

Brother Hall arrived in the evening from Greenfield.

Monday 7. Attended the funeral of father Hall. Irene could not go.

The prayer was made about 1 o'clock, and we reached Norwich burying-ground about half past three. A number of the old friends of father Hall had assembled there, & Mr. Page, the minister made a short prayer. The body was then committed to the earth by the side of that of his wife, who died 1817. We returned to brother Parsons; & in the evening the will was read & some conversation how the estate should be settled. Sylvester went home with my family, but brother Hall, Smith & wife, Johnson & wife & I remained over night.

Tuesday 8. As some of father Hall's children were soon going to a distance, & the family could not again come together for the transaction of business; we concluded to make a settlement of the estate, so far as we could, on the spot. About noon set out for Northampton. All assembled at my residence, but those from other towns went away before night.

There was a meeting of some of the friends of abolition in the north parish of Amherst this afternoon, and in the evening Samuel Williston of B.H. on his return, called here. They have put me on a committee.

George Lyman here. Wrote a deed for him.

Wednesday 9. Employed most of the day for the girls. Bates Sheldon & wife of Mesopotamia, Ohio, here and remain over night.

Yesterday I let brother Smith take a note \$81.30 dated March 30 1835, against Stephen White of S. Hadley, \$13 paid April 7, 1835. Agreed to give Smith \$5 if he would collect it.

Hall began to go to Hadley Academy again Wednesday Sept 2.

A squall to day about Chas. May Clark's joining the Cochrans & admitting it in the Republican. He has ruined himself for this world, I fear.

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- Thursday 10. Went out with Wm. Clark, Jr. to see his corn at Broughton's meadow, corn & clover on the plain beyond oil mill, and his clover 2 crops, on Jewett's place at Blackpole. All look finely. Wrote an instrument for heirs of father Hall to sign, not being satisfied with that signed on the 8th. Mr. Matthews here P.M.
- Friday 11. Arctura started for Uxbridge this morning. I paid her \$17.63 for Arctura's board last quarter, & settled with her as both her and creditor of father Hall. Gave her my note \$85.18 for her note against father Hall & for her legacy. My note dated Sept 10. Johnson & Drusilla here P.M. In the evening I went with Isaac Clark to south-street—called at Samuel Clark's & Chauncey Clark's, I endeavored to dissuade Chauncey from the course he is pursuing in the Republican, but apparently without success.
- Saturday 12. Employed about Irene's affairs, &c.
- Sunday 13. Mr. Penney all day. Mr. Graham lectured in the evening. Wife nearly sick—worn out by the additional cares & labors brought upon her by Irene & Arctura. The cares of her own family are quite as much as she can undergo.
- Monday 14. A little of every thing—preparing for Irene's marriage & departure. I wrote a sketch of father Hall's military life for Hampshire Gazette. Mr. Matthews here remained over night. I wrote letters to Postmaster of Enfield, P.M. of Ware, & Charles Hannum of Greenwich village.
- Tuesday 15. Marriage appointed at half past nine A.M. By that time all the brothers & sisters of Irene had arrived. Mr. Penney married them at about ten. None were present but brother Hall & wife, brother Smith, Parsons & Johnson & wives, a few of their children, Mr. Penney & wife, George Lyman, & my family—no others invited. Irene & Matthews started for Hartford, &c. in the stage about eleven, she in tears as well as some others. We had tea, coffee, cake & cheese—nothing else. Mr. Huntington came at half past eleven & did some business in reference to father Hall's estate. The rest of us also had some thing to do in relation to this, and they did not all get away until towards night. Sylvester went to Hatfield for money & thence to Greenfield with brother Hall. Sylvester borrowed \$100 of Mrs. Mary Johnson of Hatfield & I signed the note with him as surety. Irene has carried with her to the South about \$720, which she has earned in Virginia (except \$43.80, the legacy of her father) besides a great store of clothing, and a gold watch & neck-chain to it, the watch & chain cost \$140. A specimen of inexcusable extravagance. Frost last night.

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15th.

Father Hall's Estate.

We did something towards the settlement of this estate Sept. 8th, and still more Sept. 15th. This early settlement was rendered necessary, because of Arcturusa's & Irene's Departure - the latter to the distance of 1500 miles.

Amount of Estate.

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| Note against Richardson Hall, May 15, 1835 | \$ 300.00 |
| Interest on do to Sept. 8 | 5.62 |
| Note against Asa Parsons May 1, 1835 | 190.00 |
| Interest on do to Sept 8 | 4.00 |
| Note against Levi Brown & H. B. Dimmock, } due on it Sept 8 | 140.75 |
| Half years Pension money due \$40 - } (Deduct ordinary expense - 1.25) | 38.75 |
| Cash lent to Asa Parsons a few days before his death, | 25.00 |
| Cash in father's Pocket Book | 12.52 |
| | <u>\$ 716.64</u> |

The following articles not given specifically in the will were by the heirs given to Asa Parsons as a part of the debt due to him; - 1 Pitchfork 30cts, 1 Umbrella 50cts, shaving tools & hone \$1.00 Hammer 12cts, Chest with two draws 75cts; Trunk \$1.50, Bible 62cts, 2 Vols. Payson's Works \$1.00, Dictionary 38cts, Penknife 6cts - in all Six dollars and twenty three cents.

We agreed to go by the will & codicil, but to allow Asa Parsons 75 dollars (besides articles above) for his expense & trouble for father Hall in past years, over & above father's labor. The 75 dollars to be taken from the legacies according to their amount, & not from the surplus of the estate over the legacies & debts.

Amount of Legacies - adding 80 dollars to the specific legacies, or 10 dollars to each of the 8 children. Also the deduction to pay the 75 dollars & the amount remaining.

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| Apphia Judd | \$ 30 + 10 | Deduct 7.44 | Remains \$ 52.56 |
| Richardson Hall | 130 + 10 | " 23.55 | " 166.45 |
| Sally Smith | 50 + 10 | " 7.44 | " 52.56 |
| Petsey Parsons | 50 + 10 | " 7.44 | " 52.56 |
| Irene Hall | 40 + 10 | " 6.20 | " 43.80 |
| Arcturusa Hall | 50 + 10 | " 7.44 | " 52.56 |
| Mrs. Silla Johnson | 50 + 10 | " 7.44 | " 52.56 |
| Samuel Hall | 55 + 10 | " 8.05 | " 56.95 |
| Samuel Matthews | 6. -- | " 0.00 | " 6.00 |
| | <u>\$ 531 + 80</u> | <u>\$ 75.00</u> | <u>\$ 536.00</u> |

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15th

Father Hall's estate.

Debts & Legacies.

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| Note to Arcthusa Hall, March 1834. | \$30.00 | |
| Interest on do. | 2.62 | |
| Asa Parsons, old debt - cash paid | 75.00 | |
| do - do. for attendance &c in last sickness | 16.00 | |
| do - do. 15 weeks board & laundry 15 to Aug. 29. | 18.75 | |
| Digging Grave \$1.00. Doct. Orcutt's bill \$7.31 | | 13.95 |
| Coffin & trimmings 3.95, Shroud 1.69 | | |
| Amount of Legacies, after adjustment as on preceding page | 536.00 | |
| Leaving in my (Executor's) hands for grave-stones & expenses, | 24.32 | |
| | <u>\$716.64</u> | |

Richardson Hall. Settlement. His note \$305.62. He paid it by his legacy 166.45; Note to Sally Smith 52.56; Note to Dousilla Johnson 52.56; Cash 34.05 - all 305.62.

Asa Parsons - His Note & cash \$219. He paid it by legacy 52.56; three debts above \$75, \$16, \$18.75; paying Doct's bill 7.31; coffin 3.95; Digging grave \$1.00; New Note 44.43 - in all \$219.

Sally Smith & Dousilla Johnson - settled as above by R. Hall's notes.

Irene Hall & Samuel Matthews - settled by Cash, viz 43.80 & 6.00.

Arcthusa Hall - gave her my note for her legacy 52.56 } 85.18.
" " " " for her Debt 1 - 32.62

How it stands with me.

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| Have in my hands, Note against Brown & Dimock | \$140.75 | (paid 1837) |
| Shall have in " " Pension Money, called | 38.75 | 38.75 |
| Have in " " Note against Asa Parsons, above, | 44.43 | |
| | <u>223.93</u> | |

Due to & from me.

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| My wife's legacy | 52.56 | |
| My Note to Arcthusa | 85.18 | (paid Jan 3. 1837) |
| Samuel's legacy, I am to pay | 36.95 | (paid Jan. 1836) |
| I paid for shroud | 1.69 | 196.38 |
| Cash in Pocket Book 12.52 | } I paid Irene 43.80 | } |
| Cash of Richardson 34.05 | | |
| | 46.57 | do. Matthews 6.00 |
| | | 49.80 - balance |
| | | 3.23 |
| In Executor's ^{hand} as above, for grave-stones & expenses | 24.32 | |
| | <u>223.93</u> | |

Expenses, Oct. 1835.

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| Postage to & from Marietta \$1.50. Samuel paid for certificate 50 ^{cts} | 2.00 |
| Paid Tax to Sherman & Clark 77 cents. Extra charges to get pension \$1.28 (und. \$1.25) (that is - I received 39.97 - paid out \$2.50, leaving 37.47; and 38.75 - 37.47 = 1.28.) | -2.05 |
| Interest to Samuel 30 cts & postage on letter in Jan. 1836 with money 50 cents | -80 |
| Paid father's Parish tax for 1835. 75 cents. Grave-stones 1836. \$13.00. | 13.75 |
| | <u>18.60</u> |

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Wednesday 16. A severe frost last night. Damage to corn & broom corn is probably great. We have now our own family again & are more quiet. Things have been in confusion here for two or three weeks, & my expenses have been not a little enhanced. Anglo-Saxon history again.

Thursday 17. Committee appointed by abolitionists at Amherst Sept 8. met here this afternoon, viz. Rev. Messrs Hunt and Ware of Amherst, S. Williston of E.H. & my self. Rev. Mr. Packard of Shelburne did not come. George A. Dwight was here, though not of the committee. Agreed to have a public abolition Convention the first Wednesday in November, if speakers can be obtained. My sentiments as to measures did not coincide exactly with the others, but I thought it not best to be obstinate. The four took tea here, & went away in the evening. The frost has not done much damage in the meadows, but some on the uplands.

Friday 18. Anglo-Saxon History. Wrote over about 20 pages. I dislike this; but it is a history which I shall probably never have in my possession again (It is Mr. Bancroft's) and I wish to preserve the principal facts. In the evening was at neighbor Graves'—a large party there, 15 or 20. Great profusion of cake, &c. at table, & of nuts, raisins, &c. afterwards. A farmer ought not to set such an example. Ch. Clark there.

Saturday 19. Anglo-Saxon History.

Sunday 20. Mr. Edwards of Rochester A.M. Mr. Penney P.M. Rainy. Have now no Sunday School Class—my scholars have, some moved from town—some been made teachers, and one in jail. Have not been without a class before for 11 or 12 years.

Monday 21. History. Something to do with those who own the Republican, in regard to Chauncey Clark.

Tuesday 22. History. Much talk with various persons about the Republican, Abolition, Mr. Graham, &c.

Wednesday 23. History. Much talk in the village about professor Hitchcock's lectures on the organic remains of a former world. A few are afraid the Bible is in danger.

Thursday 24. Finished 3rd and last volume of Turner's Anglo-Saxon History. Have made copious extracts & abstracts, because it goes to the foundation of a modern kingdom, and describes the early stages of society in England with more minuteness than any books I have ever read. I cannot own these volumes; if I could, I would not have spent so much time over them now.

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- Friday 25. Very pleasant weather for some days - but cool. Fire necessary. Son J. Walker & wife & child arrived from Hartford towards night. Son J. W. went to Hartford Feb. 14. 1828 into a dry goods store; - in April went into Robinson's book store where he remained until 1832, when he went into company with Andrews.
- I wrote a long letter to brother Samuel Hall at Marietta, and enclosed 2 instruments for him to sign, in relation to father Hall's estate. Postage charged to me 75 cents.
- Saturday 26. About the village with Walker. Made a settlement with him in regard to some money matters. Bought 66 flour 7. 25. Frost last night. - Mr. Chapin & wife called - had been to Uxbridge - bought a line from Apphia.
- Sunday 27. Mr. Penney all day.
- Monday 28. J. W. Sylvester, myself & Mr. Poor (son of Mr. Poor missionary in Ceylon) rode to Westhampton. Got a bag of apples. Took tea & brother Parsons'. Kingsley has just begun to cut my rowen - tolerable swarth.
- Tuesday 29. In forenoon J. W. Pennumah, babe & myself rode out to Oliver Warner's for a ride. In afternoon, J. W. his wife & myself went out to Mr. Warner's for a visit. J. W. wife had been acquainted with this family at Guilford. Came home in the evening.
- Wednesday 30. Set out about 9 A.M. for the Bloody Brook Celebration with J. W. & Hopkine. Arrived about 11. Cold, windy day. Bloody-Brook full of people. After the ceremonies about the corner-stone of the monument, to which I did not pay much attention, Mr. Everett delivered his address under a walnut tree in Stephen Whitney's lot, near the ground of the Indian massacre. He was raised on a platform & protected from the wind by blankets. The multitude assembled in a circular form before him, most of them on rude board, & slab seats. The orator performed his duty well, & the great assemblage was very still. The number present was probably 3 or 4,000 - one fourth at least were females. Some estimate the number at 5 or 6,000, but it was not so high. All passed off very well. After the address J. W. Hopkine & I rode to Greenfield, and about sundown J. W. started for Guilford, Vermont.
- Brother Hall busy about his business, having made arrangements with Mr. Davis (his capitalist) to do a great business in the store occupied by S. J. Edwards & White. (Davis was their capitalist.) Nephew, S. J. Edwards has done a profitable business but is not willing to "let well enough alone." He is inclined to go to the city.

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Thursday 1. I left Greenfield in the morning and walked down to Deerfield $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles in 45 minutes. Got the old records of Deerfield, & spent the day over them, and in conversation with Dr. Williams, Gen. Ep. Hoyt & Phiny Arms. Remained at the Deerfield Tavern over-night. They are profane in Deerfield, & not a few are drinkers.

Friday 2. J. W. & Hopkirk came along from Greenfield between 9 & 10, and I paid my bill \$1, and we reached home about 1 P.M. Brother Parsons & Betsey here in the afternoon. Roxana Hunt in the evening. Rather a merry evening.

Saturday 3. J. W. his wife & child, my wife & Peninnah started for Hockanum & South Hadley. — Came home at night. Received from brother Smith \$65.33 for Stephen White's note. Allowed him (Smith) \$5 for collecting it, as we had agreed. Principal of Note was 68.30. — Interest \$2.03. — whole \$70.33.

Sylvester started for New Haven on Tuesday last, rather down-hearted. Some things have been said in regard to his notions about expenses; some censure has been passed upon him by me and J. W. which seems not to have been very pleasant. Hope he will conduct wisely.

Sunday 4. Mr. Penney all day. Sacramento. In the evening J. W. & I went over to South-street — found a large party at Lemuel Clark's — talked politics, abolition, &c. About 9 called at Chauncy Clark's & had some additional conversation on same subjects. — and on others — as aristocracy, &c. Hannah Burt there. Came home about 10 with Isaac Clark.

Monday 5. About home — in the garden, &c. Paid several small debts. Mr. E. Graves wife & Roxana Hunt here in evening — also Eunice Hunt latter part of evening. I went home with the girls & visited a while with them & their mother. Oren Kingsley here to day. Thinks he has cut on my land $13\frac{1}{2}$ tons of hay — 9 first crop & $4\frac{1}{2}$ second crop. 9 of it in my barn and $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons ($\frac{1}{3}$) in his barn. My sheep not doing very well — shall sell them if I can.

Tuesday 6. It rained last night & rains to day. The springs & streams are low, & the pastures dry. Great need of rain.

Crops. The corn-crop is considerably injured by frost, though many fields are ripe & good. The crop may be equal to $\frac{2}{3}$ of a good one. The hay-crop is about $\frac{2}{3}$. Potatoes abundant. Rye was middling. Broom-corn injured by frost, but at present prices, a most profitable crop — worth 10 or 11 cents per pound, or from 50 to 80 dollars an acre. Some acres worth \$100. There is more stock than hay & grain, & the prices of the cattle & horses will be low — & low.

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- Tuesday 6. Settled with E. Graves. He owed me a tithe. Paid \$3.50 for Hall's tuition present term. He paid 1.00 for bridge-toll. Paid \$5.54 for postage bill 1 quarter - about half of it made by other members of the family. Settled with W. R. Butler & paid him.
- Wednesday 7. Pleasant Day. Cattle Show. A lean affair. I paid very little attention to it - did not hear the address. Bro. Parsons, Johnson wife and others here to dinner. Sister Lyman & husband here in afternoon. Part of family with J. W. wife went to Mrs. Hunt's place to tea - some to Prayers in the evening - ~~paid nothing~~
- Thursday 8. J. W. went up to Bloody Brook to attend to his book-auction at the muster. I rode to Hatfield with him. Went round with S. Partridge for among the homesteads, &c. Visited old Madam Billings. Hatfield } aged 88 - she is still active & active, though almost blind. Dinner p. 93 supper at Doct. Dr. Child's, cost 50 cts. Came home in the evening. Mr. Lucas had his children's concert in the evening. Peninnah one of his, while there seems to have been much drinking at the Bloody-Blood muster, and much noise in the evening by those returning & returned.
- Friday 9. Son J. W. wife & child started for Hartford at half past nine, having been here a fortnight. We are again reduced to our family, J. W. wife, myself, wife, Hall, & Horner, Peninnah.
- I have paid Alexander Wright \$4.96, for pasturing my cow in the highways 19 weeks 5 days ending Oct. 3, at 25 cents per week. The drove of cows over which he was herdsman, was about 50.
- Saturday 10. Digging potatoes, &c. in garden. Hatfield's history, &c.
- Sunday 11. Mr. Hopkins (the younger) all day. Was at Cousin Timothy's in evening.
- Monday 12. Digging Potatoes, &c. Paid Lucas (Saturday) \$1. for Peninnah's singing tuition.
- Tuesday 13. In afternoon went out to Gideon Edwards's house on a reference between him & the administrators on the estate of his son Jonathan Edwards. The other referees were John Wright of N. H. & Samuel Edwards Jr. of W. H. Lewis Strong there as counsel for admin's. Found it a difficult affair; very few data from which to conclude, ^{that} was just right between the parties - all in a jumble. Staid until after 10 o'clock in the evening, & adjourned, not being able to come to any definite result.
- Deposited \$75 in Northampton Bank. I want to get enough to pay any note to Theresa Lyman, & must keep this until I can get more.
- My name appeared in the Hampshire Gazette as a candidate for the senate with Myron Lawrence. This is the work, I presume of some whig, who is a personal friend. I shall be off. The Democrats had consulted me, & told them I would not stand. Some are anxious to have me stand, not from regard to me, but to keep out somebody else. At least, I think so.
- P. S. I look myself off in the next paper.

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Wednesday, 14. In the afternoon, Col. Hooker & sister Sarah came from Westfield - here to tea. I was with them at her old place, &c. most of the afternoon. Near the brother Ahira Hyman has cut his foot very badly.

Thursday 15. In forenoon examining old lots & buildings with Eli Edwards, to find out the ancient laying out of certain parts of the town. Meeting of the four religious Societies in afternoon. I did not attend; having found them heretofore too long & tedious. At Chauncy Clark's in evening.

Friday 16. About old records, &c. Paid E. Mather's wife \$3.30 for spinning.

Saturday 17. Same employment. Hatfield affairs.

Prices of things at retail. Cheese 8 to 10 cents. Butter 20 cts. Lard 12 [¢] its. Shear pork 12 cents. Rye \$1.00. Old corn 1.08 to 12. Hay 15 to 16. Some hay 75 cents per week for pasturing a cow in home lots. Winter apples 33 cents. Fresh meats are not high, but most things are seldom higher than now.

Sunday 18. A man for Doctrinal Tract Society, A.M. Mr. Purney P.M. I had a Sunday Glass again. Warm weather for several days past. No fire needed this evening. Was in evening at T. Clark's, & Mr. Abbott's where they are sick.

Monday 19. Still warm. In afternoon went to Westhampton with Hophni to gather winter apples. Staid at brother Parsons.

Tuesday 20. Went up to the centre with brother Parsons & Aaron & Hophni, and Parsons' cart & horse & waggon. Gathered about 50 bushels of winter apples on the cart, & some apples and 2 ¹/₂ bushels of quinces on the waggon. Willard Smith buried to-day.

Wednesday 21. Took off a few bushels of apples for brother Parsons, and Aaron drove in the load, and I & Hophni rode in Parsons waggon. Got unloaded by noon - about 50 bushels. Rode out again with Hophni towards night. In the evening went up & made Eliab & Thomas Alford a visit, in their secluded dwelling.

Thursday 22. Went up with same hands, team, &c. as on Tuesday. Put on 48 bushels of apples by noon. Sent Aaron & boys along with the load. Brother Parsons & I dined at J. F. Judds, and then gathered 6 or 8 bushels of sweet apples for him to make sauce for himself, me & J. W. He went home, & I remained. In the evening, had a long talk in the store with O. Kingsley & Chapman. Walked down to br. Parsons's, after 10 o'clock.

I was weighed at store - 161 pounds - 3 pounds more than July 18.

John A. Judd weighed 158 pounds.

[Mild fine weather, Indian Summer like for 30 days, from Oct. 7 to Nov. 7. O. Warner

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Friday 23. Aaron drove in the load of apples. Hophni & I came in on foot. Finished unloading at half past one. I have now had from my orchards two loads of apples, all of them fall & winter fruit, about 96 bushels. Let brother Parsons have 5 or 6 bushels of winter fruit & for 8 bushels for sauce. Paid him for labor & bringing in, 5 dollars cash. My 96 bushels, estimating my own labor & all expenses cost about 8 or 9 dollars, to gather & deliver here. Worth, as apples are selling, from 25 to 33 cts, say 26 dollars, leaving their value on the trees at 18 dollars.

In the afternoon & evening, the referees in the case of Gideon Edwards & his daughter-in-law, were at my house. We came to a decision, but could not satisfy ourselves whether it was as it should be. Visited cousin Timothy, who is quite down.

A warm, pleasant day. It has been warm about a fortnight. Some people think it very remarkable weather for latter part of October, but I think I have known such before more than once. Most of the leaves have fallen from deciduous trees.

Saturday 24. About the village; at cousin Timothy's &c. Brother Smith and Irene here. Paid \$30 at Bank (Hampshire) for brother Hall, & gave a new note for \$250, with my name as surety. Note dated October 21. Old note dated July 18 for \$550.

Sunday 25. Cool again & pleasant. Mr. Dodd, A. M. Mr. Penney, P. M. Mr. Dodd preached to mothers—told some interesting stories. He keeps people awake. Had a Sunday class at noon.

Visited cousin Timothy in evening—he is in an unpleasant state.

Monday 26. Froze considerably last night—first ice I have seen, though there was ice weeks ago. Owen Kingsley here—made me an offer for my hay & sheep at Westhampton \$200, & not to charge for summer keeping. I asked him \$230. We did not make a bargain. Samuel Williston called here to converse about Abolition. Was at Cousin Timothy's three times.

Received a letter from Samuel Hall, Marietta, enclosing the two papers I sent for his signature. Postage 75 cts.

Tuesday 27. Talking of abolition, politics, &c. The Republican came out with some praise of me, & attributed some things to me without authority. I am a private citizen & wish to be let alone.—Received a letter from J. W. & another from Sylvester. Wrote a letter to Phiney Arms, Deerfield, in reply to one from him requesting information respecting his ancestor Wm. Arms.

Wednesday 28. Pleasant & warm. Sent off 4 barrels of apples to J. W. & Parkman. Put up two barrels for Sylvester, & put them on board of the boat Sachem, Owen, of Granby, for New Haven, & a box of cakes. Paid freight 50 cts. Sent some things to Westfield to Col. Hooker. Wrote a letter to Sylvester and one to J. Walker.

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Thursday 29. Wrote a letter to brother Hall about Samuel's affairs. Received a box of abolition pamphlets & papers from New York and paid 75 cents for freight - 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ to N. Haven & 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ from N. H. here. Disputed about abolition. Wrote a letter to Apphia at Wbridge. In Kellogg's office in evening.

Friday 30. Still warm. History - Politics, &c. Rain in evening.

Saturday 31. Warm yet, & very pleasant. Much talk about abolition. The violence against the abolitionists makes me more & more confirmed in the justice of this cause. Called to see cousin Timothy in the evening. Cousin Eleazar arrived there from Boston.

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Sunday 1. Professor Hitchcock A.M. During the intermission, word came that brother Ahira Lyman was dead. Got a horse & waggon. & carried my wife to the house of the deceased. Came home towards night. Brother Lyman cut his foot almost off on the 13th of October; and though the foot was apparently doing well, he had a sort of fit yesterday, & to day, after an emetic had been given, he had another fit & died in a few minutes, about 12 o'clock. Sister Lyman is again a widow - she has lost a very good husband. Cold day. - John Hall from G. here over night.

Monday 2. Warmer. Wrote an article for the Republican about the Sunday night caucus last year. Dabbled some in politics - could not avoid it. Received a letter from Aethusa & wife wrote one in reply.

Tuesday 3. Quite warm. Was about the village - collected some debts - talked politics some - cant keep out just before the election. Received \$25 of Henry on S. P. Fitch's note, & deposited it in the Northampton Bank. At cousin Timothy's in evening. Had a long dispute with cousin T. He a whig - I an anti-whig.

Wednesday 4. Pleasant & quite warm. Attended funeral of brother Ahira Lyman in afternoon. Prayer at house & prayer and address in the meeting house. Went back to the house with wife & sister Hooker and took tea with the family. Came home early in the evening. Found that Rev. S. J. May, the abolition agent was in town - he supposed there would be an abolition meeting here to day as had been talked of, but it had been postponed. Went up to Deac. Enos Clark's with Isaac Clark and conversed with Mr. May.

Thursday 5. Politics & abolition. Conversing again with Mr. May. Col. Edwards & Partridge here. At Channing Clark's & Lemuel Clark's in the evening. Letter from Sylvester.

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Friday 6. Cold. Various matters & things. Oren Kingsley has sold my sheep - sent me \$144, for, I suppose, 96 sheep at \$1.50. Had a man from Williamsburgh after my hay - would have given me \$15 a ton.

Saturday 7. Misty & a little rain. Paid a note to Tappan & Whitney \$20 & interest. Deposited \$144, the sheep money, in Northampton Bank.

Sunday 8. Mr. Penney A.M. Mr. Ogden E. Dwight, P.M. Mr. Dwight departs this week on a foreign mission - to Ceylon.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Penney requested the men to remain, & communicated to them his desire to leave, and take the presidency of Hamilton College. So we have lost our minister.

Monday 9. Town meeting. I did not go until the middle of the afternoon; voted for senators & representatives but not for governor. The whigs had about 50 majority for governor, and about 25 for senators & representatives. The meeting was quiet. Mr. Morton had 165 votes - nearly all of these were Jackson or Van Buren votes - a great gain on this side.

Wrote a letter to Noah Webster, Esq. respecting his ancestor John Webster, &c.

Tuesday 10. Still pleasant. Men inquiring about votes. Find that Morton received about one third of the votes in this county. A great gain - for these are Democratic votes, & given by men who have no sympathy with whigs. Middle parties have sometimes drawn away a much larger portion of the votes, but now there was no middle party, & it was whig and democrat.

Wednesday 11. Rainy. Put on Wright's team, 1/2 barrel of Apple sauce for J. W. at Hartford.

Thursday 12. Windy & cold. Brother Parsons & Betsey here - paid them \$7 for the two half barrels of apple sauce - one for me and one for J. W. Oren Kingsley here, to talk about hay, &c. Eben. Hunt of Cummings ton brought me 93 pounds of beef. I have had two cheeses of him. These things are not endorsed on his note. Roxana Hunt & her sewing girls here; about 16. Spent some time assorting abolition pamphlets.

Friday 13. Cold. Sorting apples & carrying them down into the cellar.

Saturday 14. Cold. At work among the apples. Letter from Noah Webster.

Sunday 15. Warmer. Mr. Penney A.M. Mr. Hopkins, P.M. In the evening went to Round Hill to see aunt Clarissa Edwards who is dangerously sick. After that, was at cousin Timothy's.

Monday 16. Rode to Amherst in the afternoon to meet the abolition committee; found Rev. Mr. Hunt & Rev. Saml. Ware at the house of the latter. After a long conversation & interchange of ideas, & maturing of plans, took tea, & I returned in the evening. Mr. Hubbard & wife (her maiden name Betsey Taylor, niece Mr. Hale) called here in the forenoon. Dined here & went on to Greenfield.

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Tuesday 17. Court week. Conferred with abolitionists, &c. Received \$42.57 of Rufus Powers on Enfield accounts. In the evening, a meeting of 8 abolitionists at my house. Sarah Hall arrived from Westfield.

Wednesday 18. A committee of abolitionists here this morning to prepare a paper for signatures. Brother Parsons & Aaron here - he paid me his note (for one given to father Hall) principal 44.43; interest 49 = \$44.92 ^{collected}.

Thursday 19. Work over apples, &c. Paid cousin Timothy \$88 for a note against Oren Kingsley - \$85 principal, \$3 interest. Mr. Chesebrough, preceptor of Hadley Academy, here in the evening - staid in order to take stage for New Haven in the morning. Wrote by him to Sylvester.

Friday 20. Rainy. Brother Hall came from Hartford & carried away Sarah.

Saturday 21. Some time in Greek with Hall.

Sold E. Graver 6 bushels apples - 3 at 25^{cts} & 3 at 1^{ct}. = 1.25; and he also owes me \$1 for 1/2 bushel of Quinces. [bush. ap. in Feb.]

Paid Dr. J. H. Flint \$2.17 for balance of his acct & the account of J. H. & A. Flint. Have not settled with him before since April 1833.

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| Doctor's Bill. Doct. Flint for 6 years & 8 months (Johnson) | 31.75 |
| Flint & Dickinson within same time | 5.43 |
| Dr. Mather in this time | 37.18 |

I have been greatly favored in respect to sickness. For 7 years past, my physicians' bills have averaged between 6 and 7 dollars a year.

Sunday 22. Mr. Peirney all day. Prayer-meeting in evening in reference to his going away &c. I was at cousin Timothy's. Saturday evening, I visited aunt Clarissa on Round Hill - staid till half past 10. She cannot recover, I think.

Monday 23. Snow for the first time - began in the night & continued till afternoon. Hall & I removed the remainder of apples into the cellar.

Apples - in cellar - 11 bushels Russets; 13 bushels Royals & Greenings; 7 1/2 bushels Seek-no-further; 7 bushels pearmain; 7 bushels aunt Lyman's apples so called; 10 bushels red-apples (including barrel full put up for Hartford), & some very large red do. Total 56 bushels. The other 40 bushels have gone as follows; - sold 18 bushels; given away 19 bushels; sent to Hartford or New Haven 6 barrels, 15 bushels; eaten & used 5 bushels; defective on hand 3 bushels; defective given to cow pig 3 bushels. Total gone 40 bushels. Sold 6 bushels to E. Graver, 2 1/2 to Roxana Hunt, 1 1/2 to Herman Pomroy.

At night, snow & hail 6 inches deep or more - solid, but ground unfrozen. A harsh meeting to day. I did not attend.

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Tuesday 24. Winter-day, though not very cold, & sleighs very brisk. At home, on Greek of Herodotus, most of day & evening. Republican full of personal attacks - the whigs have provoked this course, but I dislike it altogether.

Flannel. My wool, about 16 pounds, when washed (pulled wool) made 21 yards of flannel, worth say 4/ per yard, or \$14. The cloth weighs only 12½ pounds. Expense of spinning \$3.30 Expense of weaving \$1.79. Wages of carding & twisting say 1.28. All expense \$6.37 - leaving for wool \$7.62, or about 48 cents per pound for it when thoroughly cleaned.

Wednesday 25. Pleasant winter-day. Fine sleighing. Greek, &c. At Isaac Clark's in evening with Chauncey Clark.

Thursday 26. Same weather. Sleighs plenty. Greek, &c. Towards night several abolitionists & others at I. Clark's store. Col. Edwards there.

Friday 27. Still colder. Eaves do not drop. Hall & Hopkins banking the house. Ground not frozen under the snow. Wife baking, &c. for Thanksgiving.

Saturday 28. Cold yet. The good sleighing has been improved, & for some days past the business part of the village has been quite lively. Letter from Apphia.

Sunday 29. Eaves scarcely dropped to-day. Mr. Penney in forenoon gave us an interesting Farewell Discourse from 2 Cor. XIII. 11. House was pretty full. In the afternoon, the Sacrament was administered, & there was no preaching, or no sermon. The Edwards Church & Mr. Todd met with this in the same house. Both congregations made the house very full, though many, like myself, stand away because there was to be no preaching. Mr. Penney soon departs for Hamilton College. He is a kind-hearted, benevolent man, much inclined to peace & harmony, and a fair, though not very interesting preacher. He was over-rated as a preacher before he came here, but not in other respects. He has the good-will of most of his parish, & of the town; he has an excellent wife.

Monday 30. Cold as ever. Thermometer at 0, or 1 degree below, at sunrise. Employed in History, & ancient, "Écrit de vérifier les dates." Met several abolitionists at Isaac Clark's store, & some conversation. Conversing & disputing about slavery is very common, though there are some that care not for these things. Not a few are virtually arranged on the side of the slave holder; and ready to justify him.

Mr. Huntington paid me what he received from Boston for Father Hall's pension \$39.97 (should have been \$40) & charged me \$2.50 for all his trouble & expense on the subject, leaving \$37.47. Hall went to Westhampton & Easthampton with John Little.

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Tuesday 1. Golden day in the morning, Thermometer at 4 deg. above 0. No thawing to-day. This is the first day of winter, but the 8th day of winter-weather. Village full of people.

Proved father Hall's will at the Probate - though the estate is settled, I wished to have the Will & Codicil on Record.

Mr. E. Hunt, Cumington, brought a small hog, pork, weighing 145 pounds at 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents. Also 12 fowls.

Sold my hay to Oren Kingsley - 6 tons at \$15 — \$90. Reserving 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons for myself and 1 ton for cows in John A. Judd.

Son C. Parkman came at night from Uxbridge by way of Worcester; went from Hartford to Uxbridge on Thursday & Friday last.

Wednesday 2. A piercing-cold day. Bought a barrel of flour & paid \$1 for it. Bought a barrel Sept 26 for 7.25. Every article of living is high. About some with Parkman. Long talk with Oliver Warner about Republican. The paper is now a piebald concern, not managed with any discretion. Gave bonds at Probate for executorship of father Hall's will.

J. Walker arrived from Hartford to keep Thanksgiving with us.

Thursday 3. Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Todd preached in the old meetinghouse to both congregations. House not very full. Cold day. Thermometer at 6 or 7 below 0 this morning. Only Parkman & I attended meeting. Had at dinner myself, wife & 5 children. Sylvester and Apphia absent. In the evening, the 4 boys went to Easthampton to see aunt Lyman. I spent the evening in trying to procure help for a sick family - Zeph. Hunt's. He absent. Aaron H. Parsons came here in the evening.

Friday 4. Much of the day & evening, I was employed in assisting Hunt's family. There was a south wind & the snow softened, but the eaves did not drop. In the evening J. W. & C. Parkman went to Hadley to the Ladies Fair.

Saturday 5. Cold. Employed in assisting Hunt's family (he came home last night) and in helping cousin Timothy Clark, who remains on his back, severely afflicted. J. Walker & C. Parkman started for Hartford this morning. J. W. paid me \$4.50 for applesauce & barrel - same that I paid. I let C. Parkman have \$15 (changed to me) towards a cloak, & he paid the rest. The cloak & making cost about \$24. He, like the older ones, begins to think that dress aids much in making a man.

Load of hay from Westhampton to-day - weighed 26.20

Seed - 8.05

18.15 of hay.

P.S. Cow came home Monday, Dec. 7. Mr. Graves kept her two weeks.

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- Sunday 6. Mr. Park, tutor in Amherst College, all day. Cold.
- Monday 7. Severe Cold. Abolition meeting at W. H. Stoddard's counting room. The cold, wintry weather has now continued a fortnight, and the coves have scarcely dropped the whole time. Good sleighing. In evening, over Jewish History. Mr. Hunt's two little girls here since Saturday, because of the sickness at home.
- Tuesday 8. Cold. Sister Lyman & Theresa came in afternoon.
- Wednesday 9. Cold. Paid Theresa the note she held against me: \$189.29. This was given to Sister Lyman for her notes & accounts against my father. Dated March 7. 1833, for \$171.02. \$9.50 interest. Paid her — Cash 121.86; her mother's notes \$67.43. Her mother's notes were given for interest on \$750 from May 1. 1833 to Sept. 19. 1834, the time when her legacy became due, she having taken Kingsley's notes for the legacy, on interest from May 1. 1833. The original notes were 62.38, or the interest on \$750 from May 1. 1833 to Sept. 19. 1834. Also gave up to Sister Lyman all her notes which were put into my hands as trustee, in the marriage contract; Dec. 21. 1833, & took her receipt & acquittance. So I have come with this, her husband's death having rendered a trustee unnecessary. She & Theresa left in the afternoon — in a snow-storm, just begun. Took from the bank 94 dollars to pay Theresa, leaving there (2444 — 94) 150 dollars. Hall commenced his 7th quarter at Hadley Academy; but has remained at home half of one quarter. Board at home. Hopkine attends the Town High School for boys — began Dec. 7. Peninah attends Miss Roxana Hunt's school on plain. Sylvester at Yale; J. Walker & C. Parkman at Hartford; Apphia at Uxbridge.
- Thursday 10. Cold as ever. Cousin Timothy in a bad state — spend some time there every day. — Ancient History (French author) in evening. Brothers Smith & Parsons called here. Bought 3 loads of wood of John Phelps 2.75; of Matthew Clark 2.00 paid cash; of Alpheus Lyman 1 paid.
- Friday 11. A severely cold night. Mercury this morning at deg. below 0. Prepared a Constitution for the Northampton Anti-Slavery Society, & signed it first. Others followed. C. R. Huntington paid me \$60 for a years interest on \$1000 — his first note due Jan 1. 1836.
- Saturday 12. Snowed moderately all day. In the evening as we were reading about the stove, my wife's gown caught fire from the stove (she was sitting on the hearth of the stove for a minute or two) on the backside & blazed up to her neck. J. Hall sprang and extinguished the fire with our hands, without any care

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Saturday 12 — or thought about burning ourselves. After the fire was out, I found that my hands were badly burnt & Hall's considerably injured. Hophni ran for Doct. Mather and Peninnah for Mr. Elisha Graves. I was in severe burning pain, until they came & dressed the hands with cotton wool & spirits of turpentine, when the pain gradually abated. I had 5 fingers, two thumbs & the middle of both hands burnt & bandaged; & Hall had 4 fingers more or less burnt. I went to bed with my clothes on & slept well. Hall was unquiet.

Sunday 13. Peninnah was the only one that went to meeting. Mr. Condit from Amherst college preached. I read and enjoyed myself pretty well through the day, though dependent on others for all hand-work — a thing that never occurred before in my life. Hall did not feel so well, but we both concluded that a kind Providence had enabled us to save my wife, with but little suffering compared to what might have been. The doctor dressed our hands with salve just at night. I had large blisters on 5 fingers 2 thumbs & the middle of both hands. Hall had a blister on one finger, & only soreness of the others.

Isaac Clerk & Elisha Graves here in the evening.

Monday 14. Got the ends of my thumbs & fore fingers at liberty, so that I can do some things a little better. Have been able to write the above account — of the accident, but not without inconvenience & some pain. Hall went to Hadley this morning, as usual.

Excellent sleighing, & not so cold as many days past.

Tuesday 15. Cold, & blustering day. Did not go from home.

Read Irving's Columbus.

Wednesday 16. Thermometer at sunrise 8 or 9 below 0. Wind blew hard through the night. Those exposed to the cold to day complain bitterly. I staid at home & so did Hall. Kept up a good fire in the stove & were comfortable. I read Ancient History, & wrote some — and aided Hall in Latin & Algebra. Letter from Rev. Samuel Ware.

Exceedingly
cold day
see after a
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Thursday 17. Thermometer 10 or 12 below 0. Cold through the day. I walked over to cousin Timothy Clark's in the afternoon — the first time I have been out since I was burnt. He is low. Dr. Mather called.

Friday 18. Thermometer, about as yesterday. The day not quite so cold. G. A. Dwight, W. H. Stoddard & Mrs. Breck called to converse about abolition. Visited cousin Timothy. Wrote considerably about Ancient History. Aided Hall in Latin, Greek & Algebra, in the evening.

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Saturday 19. Cold has moderated. At cousin Timothy's meeting of day. G. A. Dwight, Moses Breck, & two Amherst students - all abolitionists, called here towards night.

Sunday 20. I did not go to meeting - hands not in a fit state. Was at Cousin Timothy's. G. A. D. M. Breck and Chauncey Clark here in evening. I wrote a letter, in behalf of the committee, to Alvan Stewart of Utica, and another to Judge William Jay of New York, requesting them to attend a public meeting here Jan. 13th.

Monday 21. Went to the centre to day for the first time since I burnt my hands - saw Oliver Warner, Elisha Edwards, &c. Had pig 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ months old killed to day - weighed 176 pounds dressed.

Much conversation about great fire in New York last week. Rained some last night, and considerable thaw to day. It is 4 weeks since snow fell, & there have been 4 weeks of good sleighing & severe winter.

Tuesday 22. Pleasant day. Thaw & some. Wrote a letter to Rev. Orange Scott, Holliston, (Methodist) and another to Rev. S. J. May of Boston, (Unitarian) requesting them to attend the abolition meeting Jan. 13. & make addresses. About the village. E. Hunt, of Gunnington brought me 111 pounds of beef and paid me \$50 on his note. Uncle Frederic & Asa's son called. In the evening on History.

Wednesday 23. Pleasant but no thawing. Sleighs plenty. Most of the day about abolition. Deposited \$50 (received of Hunt) in N. H. Bank making \$200 there. Sided Hall in Latin in evening. Watched with cousin Timothy from 9 P.M. to 6 A.M. on Thursday.

Thursday 24. Went to bed after 6 & slept till nearly 11. It was a very cold night & morning. About the village in afternoon. With Hall in Latin in evening. The weather moderated considerably to day.

Friday 25. There was the usual exhibition of phrenerism & phrenology at the Episcopal church last evening & to day. Thawed today & a little rain. Got advertisement fixed for the abolition meeting, & corrected the proof. Wrote a letter to sister Sarah.

Saturday 26. Thaw & some rain. Sent advertisements to the printers &c. Paid Tappan, Whitney &c. \$20 on account.

Sunday 27. Went to meeting, & attended to my Sunday Class. Mr Condit of Amherst College preached.

Monday 28. Answers from Mr. Jay, Mr. May, & Mr. Scott. Only the latter can come. Wrote another letter to Mr. Scott. Moderate weather. Wrote an article for the Gazette about apples for hogs & cattle.

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Tuesday 29, } Moderate weather. Much time spent in talking
 Wednesday 30 } about abolition. The advertisement in the
 Thursday 31 } Gazette & other papers calling for an abolition
 meeting, signed by Rev. W. W. Hunt. Rev. Samuel Ware,
 Samuel Williston & myself, backed up by a great
 number of clergymen, deacons, &c. was a damper
 to our opposers, & checked some measures they had
 thought of resorting to against us.

Wrote a letter to Mr. Hunt. Wrote a letter to Irene
 in Florida. Watched with Cousin Timothy Tuesday night.
 Letter from Mr. May, stating that he cannot come, on
 account of his wife's sickness, unless she gets relief. Wrote
 a letter to George Lyman, about a pecuniary affair.

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Friday 1. A kind Providence has carried me & my
 family safely through another year. "Bless the Lord,
 O my soul, & forget not all his benefits."

A year has elapsed since I gave up the ownership and
 management of a public newspaper. I have not at any
 time regretted that step; & though I am out of business
 know not what is before me, I have enjoyed myself
 during the past year, better; have had less anxiety and
 torture of mind, than in any year for the last 15 or
 20 years. I have read more than for many years,
 but have paid less attention to politics than in former
 years. In aiding Hall in his studies, I have renewed
 & increased my knowledge of Latin, Greek, Algebra, &c.
 I was delighted with these studies 20 or 25 years ago, and
 am quite as much pleased with them now. I have
 read French (*L'Art de verifier les dates* in 2 volumes &c.)
 abundantly, & my fondness for historical researches
 which was great 20 or 25 years ago, is not at all
 diminished. I have done less than I intended in
 the early history of this & other towns, but my love
 of such pursuits is not abated.

I have made good progress in collecting my debts
 and paying my debts, yet I have not been so thorough
 as I ought to have been - have let my debtors have their
 own course too much, & many are still in the rear.
 I have reduced my debts from 3500 dollars to 850 or
 900 dollars, & have \$200 in the bank. A pretty good years
 work, though I have not worked so hard as I ought

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- Friday 1. Again cold, after a moderate spell of 10 days.
- Saturday 2. Moderate. Mr. Pritchett here from Amherst College.
- Sunday 3. Mr. Park, tutor in Amherst college preached.
- Monday 4. Some snow & rain. It is now six weeks since snow fell, & there have been six weeks of good sleighing, in this vicinity. Wrote to Mr. May & Mr. Stewart, also to J. W. J. Also to Dr. Hawes of Hartford. Bought 2 of Dr. Channing on Slavery. Watched with cousin Timothy last night.
- Tuesday 5. Assisted Sister Lyman & her sons-in-law at Probate Court. Paid my Postage bill for last quarter \$4.94. About half of it for abolition & other matters, distinct from my own & my family affairs. Paid Dr. Stebbins \$9 for sitting in his pew the last year. Received letter from Apphia.
- Wednesday 6. Went to Southampton with Wm. Clark, Jr as delegate, to the Temperance Convention. Good address by Mr. Condit of South Hadley, & some debate after. We voted to circulate petitions to the county commissioners, to have no one licensed to sell ardent spirits. This will do no good, & if I had considered the subject, I should have opposed the motion. Took tea with Clark at cousin Asa Fudd's, & came home in the evening.
- Thursday 7. About the village, & aiding cousin Timothy. Wrote a letter to Apphia & Arthura.
- Moderate weather continues & good sleighing.
- Friday 8. Wrote to Brother Hall about Samuel's affairs. Wrote to Rev. Saml. Ware. Not about much. on history, &c.
- Saturday 9. Dr. Flint called to examine my heart complaint. Have been troubled for a long time with a fluttering, quick-beating heart, but it has been more troublesome for a few months past.

Wood bought this winter.

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| Levi Bart | 3 Loads, hard wood | \$8.12 | credited | 3/4 ends he calls, &c. |
| John Phelps | 2 " " | 5.00 | credited | |
| Alpheus Lyman | 1 " small, pine. | 1.00 | credited | |
| Matthew Clark | 1 " yellow pine | 2.00 | paid cash | |
| Elisha Parsons | 2 " hemlock &c | 3.50 | credited | |
| Caleb Thorpe | 1 " hard | 2.00 | credited | |
| Daniel Lyman | 1 " soft & hard | 2.25 | credited | |
| Sylvester Lyman | 1 " " | 2.12 | credited | |
| Martin Wright | 1 hemlock | 2.00. | for pew rent (& 1 load last year.) | |
| John Phelps | 2 pine | 3.00. | credited | |
| Mr. Boyden | 1. beach | 2.50. | (for rent of my house. Settled) | |
| Caleb Thorpe | 3 loads oak | 9.00. | credited | |
| In Spring. Zephaniah Hunt | Wood at his house | 1.75 | settled | |
| | | 44.24 | | |

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Sunday 10. Professor ^{or Tutor} Park, all day. Blustering but not cold.

In evening Geo. A. Dwight & Josias Breck here.

Sylvester arrived from Hartford last evening. Has been unwell in Hartford (ague in face) about a week.

Monday 11. Windy night, but thawing to day. Good sleighing yet. At home most of the day, - on history, &c.

Tuesday 12. Preparing for abolition-meeting. Rev. Mr. Hunt of Amherst came in the afternoon, & he & I were the only persons of our committee, who ~~would~~ attend, the others being detained by sickness, &c. We both felt anxious and somewhat fearful, not knowing what was before us. In the evening, the western stage came & Mr. Stewart of Utica was not in it. Here was embarrassment. But in the evening Mr. Scott arrived from Holliston, and three gentlemen from Boston, sent as delegates from the Mass. Anti-Slavery Society. All assembled at my house, and the mode of proceeding for tomorrow was arranged. Some persons from the town were in. Only Mr. Hunt remained over night. Sylvester went to Amherst. My sleep not very quiet.

Wednesday 13. Convention day - I must say, one of the most anxious days of my life. Fine sleighing and a pleasant day - never was a finer winter day. We met at Mr. Williston's previous to the meeting - then a little after 11 o'clock went to the meeting house where Josias Breck & others had built a platform for speakers, &c. Three of the committee (Mr. Williston joined us to day) took their seats on the platform with the speakers, several clergymen, &c. Gen. Howland of Conway was Chairman. Rev. Dr. Packard of Shelburne opened with prayer. The speakers began, and all went on well & peaceably. There was a momentary disturbance from some persons about the porch, but soon at an end. No hissing, no shuffling, no expression of dissatisfaction from any quarter. Mr. Lerow from Boston spoke first; then Mr. Wright from Boston; then Mr. T. Packard, Jr of Shelburne (one gentleman from Boston Mr. Bowles being sick) then Mr. Scott. All did well, but Mr. Scott, the Methodist, was the most powerful speaker. We then proposed the resolutions, which were adopted with slight alterations by the meeting. The congregation then began to retire, & we proceeded to sign the constitution, & to choose officers & organize the Old Hampshire Anti-Slavery Society.

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Wednesday 13-continued. It was about half past three o'clock when all was finished, though most of the congregation had gone an hour before. We all felt pleased & gratified. Our best anticipations had been exceeded. The lower part of the house was full of men, sober-looking attentive hearers. The females in the gallery many have amounted to 300. The males below about 1000. My office as one of this committee now ceased, and I felt as if a great weight had been removed. I have cause to thank God for his blessing on me, & on those engaged in this cause.

During the meeting, Mr. Grosvenor, from Worcester County and Mr. A. A. Phelps, from Providence arrived. Some of the abolitionists determined to have another meeting in the evening, and engaged Mr. Scott & Mr. Phelps to speak. I had no concern in this - had doubts about its expediency. But the old meeting-house was lighted up, the galleries shut, & the lower part pretty well filled. Mr. Scott & Mr. Phelps made addresses, Mr. G. A. Dwight made some remarks, the meeting commenced & ended with prayer - & there was no disturbance. The boys made some noise in the streets, but nothing to affect the meeting. So we have had an Anti-Slavery Convention, & an evening ^{meeting} in Northampton and no mob, no tumult. Laus Deo.

I got home before nine - brother Parsons & Betsey there but soon went away. Sylvester there, & Mr. Poor, who came from Amherst, with him. Brother P. paid me \$50 on his note to Arelhusa. Received a letter from Mr. Stewart this evening; dated at Albany on Monday. He came to that city, where he was detained by deep snow & feeble health. The letter from Dr. Hawes of Hartford, received on Monday, appeared in the Republican & the Gazette of to day. I was rather unwilling to publish it, but was over-persuaded by my abolition friends.

Thursday 14. Found the abolition friends in good spirits; a glorious day yesterday they all thought. Those opposed to us pretty good natured, but some cross. Fixed some things for the press. Settled with Ebenezer Hunt of Gummington.

Friday 15 } About abolition - riding Hall in Hgabra, &c. The weather
Saturday 16 } again severely cold. Sleighing good. Cousin Eleazer here on Friday. Gave me his note for \$85 dated May 1, 1835, for use of land in 1834. John A. to pay for house.

I was married Jan. 16. 1811 - 25 years ago.

January 1836

- Sunday 17. Sick & puking in the morning. Staid at home.
- Monday 18. Letter from Rev. W.W. Hunt. Amherst. Wrote to him.
About village some. Wrote to S. Stoddard & S. Strong, Boston.
- Tuesday 19. Took 45 dollars from Bank, leaving there \$75.
Let Sylvester have \$80 of Arthusa's money - viz. \$50 received of Asa Parsons, & \$30 she had expended at Uxbridge for Apphia. Took Sylvester's note to her, & signed it as surety. Sylvester started for Hartford & New Haven about 11 o'clock. Excellent sleighing. I am now on notes with Sylvester - \$25 to Hamp. Miss. Society - \$100 to Mrs. Johnson, and \$80 to Arthusa = 205 dollars.
- Wednesday 20. Cold. At court in Timothy's forenoon. In afternoon brothers Smith & Johnson & wives here on a visit. Abolition, the talk.
- Thursday 21. A very cold morning. Did not go to centre to day. On history. Also on Algebra with Hall. In evening, called to see Thankful Wright, who starts for Virginia tomorrow.
- Friday 22. Cold. Did not go to centre. History, &c.
- Saturday 23. Paid Brother Hall's note to the Bank \$250. My name is not now on any of his paper. He sent me \$207.25, and Note & account against Samuel Hall \$42.75. I am to take this from Samuel's legacy. Took \$75, all the rest of my deposit at N.H. Bank, from there. I have now no money in Bank. Settled with 5 persons whom I owed, and paid them all - about \$17.
- Sunday 24. Mr. Condit all day.
- Monday 25. Snow fell about a foot deep with wind. Did not go out to day. Employed on Roman History, & aiding Hall in Latin & Algebra.
- Tuesday 26. Did not go out to day - All day busy on Roman History.
- Wednesday 27. About the village. Huntington & Hawley paid me \$583 dollars, viz. \$500 deposited in N.H. Bank and Hawley's note \$83. Indorsed the \$500 Jan'y 1, & they paid interest on it since that.
- Thursday 28. Very cold. At home on Chronology. Brother Parsons and wife here. Isaac Clark here in evening.
- Friday 29. Cold. At home on Chronology, Algebra, &c. Brother Smith here.
- Saturday 30. Not so cold. At home. History, &c. Wrote letter to Samuel C. Enclosed in it \$15, to pay the rest of his legacy. This with the \$42.75 paid to Richardson makes \$57.75.
- Sunday 31. Mr. Bliss, Tract Agent in forenoon and Mr. Podd, P.M.

February 1836

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Monday 1 } Severely cold. Fine sleighing. Did not go to centre
Tuesday 2 } these days. At home with Hall on Latin;
Wednesday 3 } and on Roman History, pagan & papal.

Thursday 4 } Extremely cold. On Friday morning, mercury down to 14
Friday 5 } degrees below zero. About the same one morning before. The

Saturday 6 } six days have been extremely cold. I did not go to the
centre during the 6 days. — Employment as above. The weather
moderated Saturday afternoon. Sister Sarah arrived
from Westfield on Thursday evening. O. Kinsley here Saturday.

Sunday 7. Mr. Condit A. M. a stranger P. M. Sacrament.
A pretty cold day.

Monday 8. A drifting snow storm. It fell about 15 inches deep, and
with that on the ground before, makes about 2½ feet on a level.
There has been no such storm since I have resided in North-
ampton, 14 years. My yards are all full, & it is piled up
against the house half way to the top of the south window;
and against the lower part of the house, on the north side, a
drift rises above the bedroom window & above the eaves
forming a continuous body with the snow on the roof.
Mr. Graves' boys have run up this drift, & got upon the roof
without difficulty.

Mr. Chamberlain, from Illinois, formerly an apprentice in the
Gazette office, visited me last week, & I took some minutes
from him relating to the settlement on Bureau river, which
I have to-day prepared for the press.

Tuesday 9. } Pleasant weather. People breaking roads, &c. Still at home.

Wednesday 10 } On history — with Sister Hooker about her affairs &c. Brother
Johnson & Dr. Willa here, Wednesday.

Thursday 11. Went to centre to see Mr. Charles Stuart, who was
on his way from Providence & Millbury, where he had
attended abolition meetings.

Friday 12. Parish meeting. Voted to give Mr. Condit a call.

Saturday 13. At home — on history, &c.

Sunday 14. Unwell — staid at home. Began to-day to not use Tobacco.

Monday 15. Quite cold.

Tuesday 16. Severely cold

Wednesday 17. Bitter cold morning.

Thursday 18. Colder yet. Thermometer at sunrise 16 below 0

Friday 19. Coldest morning this winter. Mercury
at sunrise 18 degrees below 0

I did not go to the centre
these cold days.
Health not good.

Sister Sarah with us
C. P. Huntington paid
me \$117. Sent from Jan 1

On history these cold days & nights, & on Latin some with Hall
Hay all gone, viz the 1815 pounds brought Dec 5. Began to bring hay
from Mr. Graves Friday morning. (After some days, drove cow over.

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Saturday 20. Weather has moderated some. Pleasant day.

Sunday 21. I was at meeting all day, though my health not very good. Mr. Baldwin of Springfield preached. It thawed to-day, and the eaves dropped. At cousin Timothy's in evening.

Monday 22. Pleasant day. Sun looks warm, & the snow melts.

Tuesday 23. Same kind of weather. Col. Hooker & wife + little Sarah Hooker came in the evening, from Westfield.

Wednesday 24. About village with Col. Hooker. in regard to H. T. H.'s affairs. Rained some, most of the day. Col. H. & wife left for Westhampton in the rain towards night. Arethusa & Apphia arrived from Uxbridge in the evening. Letter from Sylvester.

I wrote letter to J. G. Birney, enclosing \$10 for 5 of his papers, and put it in Post office last night. Sent letter & several accounts to Joel Rice, Ware. Letter put in P.O. last night.

Thursday 25. Colder. Settled with Arethusa for Apphia's expenses at Uxbridge, previous to last quarter commencing Dec. 9. 1835 - that is for two quarters.

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| Board 1st quarter 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ weeks @ 10/ | 17. 63 |
| " in Vacation 3 weeks @ 4.50. Washing 50 | 5. 00 |
| " 2 ^d quarter ending in Nov. 11 weeks @ 10/ | 18. 33 |
| " in Vacation 2 weeks to Aug. @ 10/6 | 3. 50 |
| Tuition 1st quarter \$5.00. do 2 ^d do she paid by a meeting | 5. 00 |
| Cash paid for her by Arethusa \$1.92 + 43cts | 2. 35 |
| " for expenses home ----- 5.25 | 5. 25 |
| | <u>\$57. 06 -</u> |

Paid Arethusa as follows.

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| September 3. 1835 | 17. 63 |
| 1836 Jan 19. Note signed by me & Sylvester | 30. 00 (I paid money to Sylvester) |
| " Feb 25. Cash paid to her by me | 9. 43 |
| | <u>\$57. 06</u> |

The above does not include transportation to Uxbridge, & cash she had, when she left Hartford. \$6. of J. W. and 2 or 3 J. W. paid her for me, paid her stage fare & left 3 or 4 dollars.

Her expenses for last term are not paid, but are due to Arethusa, viz 11 weeks board at 10/6. 19.25 & Fuel 1.65 - both 20.90. Arethusa gives her tuition. \$4.50. { I wrote to Sylvester.

Friday 26. Pretty cold & some snow. Mr Dale here from Uxbridge.

Saturday 27. Not so cold. Paid Arethusa all I owed her, viz \$214. 87. due on the note dated Dec. 9. 1834. I mean I paid all I owed her on that note. She has a note against me on father Hall's affairs, & one where I signed as surety for Sylvester. I paid her \$100 taken from Bank (leaving \$400 there) and 114.87. paid by Huntington last week. Arethusa & Apphia went to Hockanum, Hopkinton to drive them. Drusilla has a boy.

Feb. 7 a cold month. For 100 days except 3 or 4, the sun made no impression on the snow. - O warm. His 100 days include Dec. Jan. Feb. & a few days in Nov. - March also very cold. On some March 31, there has been uninter-rupted sleighing for 130 days, & snow now 2 feet deep. He compares winter with that of 1780.

February 1836

Sunday 28. Very cold this morning - Mercury below zero.

Mr. Todd. A.M. Mr. Tutor Park P.M.

Mr. Dale came over from Hadley, & remained here to take stage with Arcthusa.

Monday 29. Extremely cold last night - Mercury below zero several degrees. Arcthusa & Mr. Dale started for Uxbridge at 5 o'clock.

Tuesday

March 1836.

Tuesday 1. More moderate. Rained some to-day. Sister Lyman & her two sons-in-law here. Horace Wright & Mothera here. Brother Johnson here. Others here - house full all day. I went to centrie - have not been there since Feb. 12th except Sundays.

Wednesday 2. Still cold. March brings no relief. The sun runs higher, looks pleasant, but the cold continues, & the immense body of snow remains about the same.

Thursday 3. Still cold. Eaves do not run. I upon history &c.

Friday 4. Thawed some. Letter from Irene. - do. Pierce & Co. failed.

Saturday 5. Thawed some. Sister Sarah still here. do.

Sunday 6. Cold. Mr. Condit preached all day. (He does not accept our call.)

Monday 7. But little thawing these days. The great body of snow

Tuesday 8. has diminished but little. Winter holds its reign

Wednesday 9. uninterrupted, & has since November last.

There is a scarcity of hay; grain & hay are very high & there is distress among the farmers, or among their stock in some places. Hay is over 20 dollars a ton; corn over a dollar, say 1.12; rye a dollar or a trifle more, &c. Such a winter has not been, old people say, since 1779-80.

Thursday 10. I was engaged a large portion of these days in

Friday 11. packing & boxing-up furniture, &c. for sister Hooker

Saturday 12. at her old place on King-street. It rained on Thursday, thawed on Friday, but on Saturday was severely cold.

Sunday 13. Cold. Professor Fisk preached

Monday 14. Cold. Settled with Canal officers. They owed me \$24.85. Took their note, for which I am to have a share in the New Company - worth very little.

Tuesday 15. About Sister Hooker's affairs in forenoon. In the afternoon the Anti-Slavery directors met at my house - viz. Ware, Ball, Edwards, Partridge, Hayden, Welliston, Clark, Mather, making 9 with myself.

Wednesday 16. The morning quite cold. The snow diminishes very slowly if at all. Thawed but little to-day. I was most of the day assisting sister Hooker. We put 10 boxes of furniture on two sleighs, to start tomorrow for Albany.

March 1836

Thursday 17. Not quite so cold. We have had almost 4 months of uninterrupted winter & of continual sleighing. It is bids fair to continue some time longer. There has not been such a winter since 1779-80. Oren Kingsley here - gave me note \$90 dated Dec. 15. 1835 for 6 tons of hay; also note of \$27 for 2700 pounds of hay remaining - this note conditional (error) see May 6 Hay - crop of 1835 - 1/3 went for mowing. 2/3 left called 8 1/2 tons O. Kingsley 6 tons \$15 --- \$90 - Note above. " do - 1185 pounds \$20 --- 11. 85 Note for this \$1575 do more left by Brought in to me 1845 " 15 --- 13. 61 my father making 27.00 about John A. Judd 1 ton " say 15 --- 15.00 Not settled
8 1/2 tons \$130.45.

Friday 18. Trying some to find a house to live in - must leave this.
Saturday 19. Funeral of Mrs. Metcalf this afternoon. Col. Hooker here from Westfield. Carried Sister Sarah to Westhampton with him.

Sunday 20. Mr. Tutor Park all day. It thawed some to day, but on the whole, the weight of snow does not diminish much though the bulk grows less, slowly. There is as yet all the dreariness of winter - has been for 17 weeks.

Monday 21. Cold yet. Town meeting to-day. Party spirit not very high. I did not attend. Wrote a short obituary notice for Lieut. Enos Smith of Hadley, who died Dec. 14, aged 90. I had consulted the old gentleman about ancient affairs. Spent some time about abolition.

Tuesday 22. Three or four inches of snow fell just this afternoon. The body of snow on the ground diminishes but little. It is good sleighing yet, & has been for 17 weeks. Brother Smith's children here to dinner. Wm. Clark Jr here in afternoon. Roxana Hunt here & will remain through the night.

Wednesday 23. Not so cold. Sister Sarah returned by way of Easthampton. A blustering day to the west. Wrote 3 letters on business to H. Marsh Esq. Dalton, Isaac Brown, Charlemont, & Henry Smith, Brattleboro.

Thursday 24. Attending to my accounts. Wrote letter to E. M. Wright of Wms. College, inclosing an account. Settled with B. E. Cook.

Friday 25. Settled accounts with many. Sarah went to Westhampton
settled Deac. Luther Clark owes me on his book 1. 21 } Was at Mr. Stankeworth's
" Enos Clark " 65 } in the evening. with
settled Geo. Pierce owes me on book 8. 94 } Isaac C. Chauncey 6. &
Pierce & Lee " " 13. 66.

Saturday 26. The mornings are very cold - mercury down to within a few degrees of zero. Sun runs so high, that there is some thawing, though not much water runs in the streets. Brother Johnson, wife & child here.

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Sunday 27. Mr. Perkins of Amhurst, East Parish, preached all day. More thawing to day - more water in the streets, than on any preceding day.

Monday 28. Good sleighing yet. No bare ground, except near buildings or fences where the snow blew away or has thawed away. Good sleighing has now continued 18 weeks without interruption since Nov. 23.

Received papers from Mr. Birney, New Richmond, Ohio. Sent post-office Saturday night. My letter & money to Mr. Birney was sent Feb. 24 - more than 4 weeks since.

Hay worth \$25 per ton and corn \$1.25 per bushel - at least these prices have been obtained by some. Straw worth 9 or 10[¢] per ton.

Apples. Have given away many to brothers Johnson and Smith & sister Lyman & others. About 18 barrels left - perhaps 20 with defective. State of Apples, as to various kinds.

Burnets & convec and pearmains are yet very hard. Sunk and pearmains & Seek no-further, are about ready to eat - some quite hard, some decaying.

Red Apples - now gone; the greater part, say ³/₄, would have kept till now, though this is a little past the time.

Aunt Lyman's apples same as red ones. Most of those on hand are sound, but have passed the time are tasteless.

Greenings - the larger & riper ones, most of them, decaying within - the smaller, greener ones yet good.

Royals - it is past the time, for these - those sound have not much taste.

Tuesday 29. } I spent Monday & Tuesday in settling accounts and collecting debts. Gave bills to Sabers & Judd, postriders to collect - Court week.

Monday & Tuesday warm & thawey. Sleighing getting bad in the village.

Wednesday 30. Collecting debts & settling accounts.

Thursday 31. I was summoned to attend court as a witness in the case of Henry Bardwell. Was in the court house most of the day.

April 1836.

Friday 1. April has come, but few indications of spring. Blue birds and robins are heard this week. The warm sun gradually melts the snow, but all the lots of fields are still covered to a considerable depth. The roads are becoming bare & snow in the travelled path. - Most of the day was spent about a house, & in preparation for moving.

April 1836

Saturday 2. Spent most of day arranging papers, &c. for removal.

Sunday 3. Mr. Condit all day. Sacramento. Water ran briskly in the streets. Warmest day this season.

Monday 4 Flock of wild-geese went over this morning - first this season. Bluebirds went about every morning last week, and Robins after Tuesday or Wednesday. Happy day.

Removal. I this day removed my residence about 20 rods to the north, & to the west side of Market Street. I have lived in the house which I left ever since May 12 1826, or 10 years - a longer period than I have lived in any house since I left the roof of my father. I had Joel Wright, Elisha Graves' cat, a sled & Irishman, and all the family (myself, wife, Hall, Apphia, Hopson, Peainnah), and by night we had nearly all the things I own removed to house of Zephaniah Hunt, & many of them put in their places. It was a hard day for us all. We (6 of the family) took tea together in the evening at the new place.

We used a sled, but it was bare ground considerable of the way. I paid this morning \$60 for rent of house from which I removed \$60 for rent of house from May 1, 1835 to this day. I am to pay \$62 where I now am for a year, to make repairs at my own expense or not at all.

Tuesday 5. Fixing things at home, & settling accounts with persons in village. Paid my bill at post-office for last quarter \$3.98 - heaviest postage-bill I ever paid - about half of it for abolition letters. (Paid bill \$2.75 to Wood for horse sold to day, & but little thawing & hire for Sylvester in 1833. Gave Mr. Cooley 9 bills to collect (West-Whately) and gave two or three to Mr. Burr.

Wednesday 6. Adjusting things at home, &c. Cold to-day.

Thursday 7. State-Fast. Froze very hard last night. Both societies met in Edwards meeting-house in the forenoon. It was crammed full, & in the afternoon they met in the old meeting-house & the congregation was large for a fast-day. Mr. Todd preached all day.

Friday 8. Cold morning. South wind in afternoon. Snow melts fast. Went to South Street to settle some accounts. Took tea with Chauncey Clark & staid there in evening.

Saturday 9. South wind continues. Snow melts, & roads dry very fast. Fields become spotted - considerable bare earth to be seen. Hall started for Hartford between 12 & 1. I let him have \$5. Attended some to accounts. Assailed in words by that savage John Prink.

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- Sunday 10. South wind & rain. Snow disappears fast. Towards night wind shifts to the north, & turns quite cold. Mr. Goudit preached all day. Meeting thin.
- Monday 11. Have been a week in the new place. Have removed so many times, have so long been destitute of a home, that a removal does not much affect me & the older children. Penninah, the youngest, who was born in the house we have left, never knew any other home, is quite homesick at our present residence. Mr. Graves' 2 hands & waggon removing my wood to day. Went 11 times - about 7 cords. I was engaged in removing the wood except spent an hour or two at Town-meeting. Cold-day.
- Tuesday 12. Another cold day. Spent most of day about debts. Collected about 20 dollars - most of it by the post-riders for bills sent by them. Freshet. The late thaw has raised the Connecticut & partly the flooded the meadows. This morning the water was 8 or 10 inches lower than yesterday; but was still over the 2 bridge in meadow & over about 10 rods of the road this side of the houses in meadows. The flat back of the late Jos. Clarke's buildings is covered.
- Wednesday 13. Spent most of day in arranging Letters, Bills, & other papers. It snowed in the afternoon. I & wife to Mr. E. Graves in the evening where a small party had been invited.
- Thursday 14. Snow about 4 inches deep this morning. Most of it gone before night. I collected a little - went to an auction in South Street (Charles Phelps's) where a homestead, land, &c. were sold. Took 300 dollars from Bank & lent the same to Benoni Clark & took his note. Only 100 left in Bank.
- Friday 15. Gathering up old papers, &c. that belonged to me in the old Gazette office. Also selecting old papers from the papers of Elijah Hunt, mixed up with those of E. H. Mills.
- Saturday 16. Arranging papers - putting accounts in order, &c. Getting dry after the late snow.
- Sunday 17. Mr. Whelpley all day. Pleasant-day. The side walk dry almost all the way to meeting-house. Considerable snow on lots, & especially on hills around us. Northern parts of Tom & Holyoke all covered with snow as yet.
- Monday 18. Making out bills, adjusting accounts, &c. Doing what should have been done a year ago. Mr. Joseph Warner buried - an old man whom I used always to call & see when I was in that part of the town.
- Tuesday 19. Still to work at my accounts - gave bills to Shaw of Cummington & Burr of Northampton. Supreme Court in session.

April 1836

Wednesday 20. Settling accounts. Snow has diminished much for three days. Very little on Eastern Hills. More on Western

Thursday 21. Adjusting accounts. Have collected 80 or 90 Dollars since April 4. Sold my cow for \$17. am to keep her till grass comes.

Friday 22. Adjusting accounts. Paid W. A. Hawley & Co about 9 dollars for various persons who paid me from 1 to 9 months in advance of Jan. 1, 1835. Have paid before about 10 dollars on same account. I have received in all about \$20 in advance, when I sold out.

A cold day with high wind. A dreary season, especially for farmers. Hay is sold readily for 25 dollars per ton. & would command \$30 if it was asked. Very little to be found.

Corn \$1.25. Pork in hog 10 cents per pound. Wheat flour \$9 per barrel.

Wages of hired men on farms, 14 to 16 dollars a month for 6 or 7 months.

Sister Sarah Hooker came in from West Hampton.

Roxana & Eunice Hunt here on a visit. Wm. Clark here in evening to have me correct an agricultural article for the press.

Saturday 23. I am this day 47 years old.

Hindered some by abolition - some by accounts, &c.

Flood. A meadow flood always attracted my attention. In afternoon, I went down to examine it, & followed around in the rear of Hawley st lots &c. to the meadow road from near Josiah Parsons. It is only a common spring flood. Received 4 letters from Hartford on Thursday.

George Lyman here on way to Amherst. Jabez Lyman with him. George has been sick at his mother's 6 weeks.

Sunday 24. Cold, windy day. Streets dry. Mr. Condit all day. Sister Sarah & little Sarah with us.

Monday 25. Still cold. Fields look green, but not from the growth of the spring, wholly. Trees exhibit no signs of spring no green. As far as I could see in field & forest there was not the least green to be seen on tree or bush, except on evergreens.

Tuesday 26 It grew warm to-day, and in latter part of day we sat in a room without a fire & were comfortable. There was some thunder in the evening. Grass & plants to-day & buds swelled, but still no tree looked green. I wrote to my boys at Hartford - suppose 4 of them are there. Took 100 dollars from Bank, all I had there, & sent it to Saywester at Hartford by Joseph Kneeland. Put up a barrel of Apples for Hartford. Visit from B. Hoxie & wife. Paid 20 cents for butter - scarce at that. Bought veal for 6^{cts}. Petition from Cunningham about Arkansas, I enclosed to Mr. Briggs, member of Congress, with a short letter to him.

April 1836

Wednesday 27. Was over in South-st with Isaac Clark -- on plain in evening at Chester Clark's -- partly about belts & partly about antiquities. Brother Smith left his wife here and went on to Hawley.

Pretty pleasant day -- grass started & buds on trees were enlarged, still, no tree whatever looks green. Snow on north side of Holyoke & Town, & some on Western Hills to be seen.

Thursday 28. Pleasant Day. Went on Plain about Belts. Examined some old papers at Jacob Parsons'. Thronged with visitors to-day. Sister Hannah and Theresa, Brother Smith returns, Dock Hooker, Enoch Lyman, &c. Settled with Hannah about father's furniture & books.

Furniture was given to Hannah, Sylvester & Sarah. Divided Dec 6. 1832

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| Hannah had | \$102.34 | } Hannah had 54cts too much & paid it to day. I had \$4.93 too much & paid it. Sarah wanted the 54 ^{cts} & the 4.93 to make her third. $\$96.34 + 0.54 + 4.93 = \$101.81.$ |
| Sylvester had | 106.73 | |
| Sarah had | 96.34 (lacking 13cts) | |
| $\frac{1}{3} / 305.41$ -- Total | | |
| | \$101.80 share each | |

This was our estimate of furniture among ourselves. It would not have sold for that sum -- not more than 200 or 225 dollars.

Portrait. My sisters claimed this as furniture and I did not contend. It cost my father \$25 besides frame. We called it 15 dollars. Hannah & I paid Sarah \$2.50 each, for her third; and it now belongs half to me and half to Hannah.

Books. My father gave his books $\frac{1}{4}$ to me, $\frac{1}{4}$ to Hannah, $\frac{1}{4}$ to Sarah and $\frac{1}{4}$ to Peninnah's children (not including Nathaniel). I purchased Sarah's right for 15 dollars and paid her 1834. Hannah, I and Horace Wright divided books May 9. 1833.

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| Hannah had | \$24.21 | } Hannah had \$7.86 too much & paid me to day. I had \$2.15 less than 2 shares and the Edwards children 5.72 less than theirs share. I have paid them this in services, & so shall keep the \$5.72, I think. |
| Sylvester " | 30.55 | |
| Edwards children | 10.63 | |
| $\frac{1}{4} / 65.39$ | | |
| | 16.35 share each | |

Friday 29. I put into post-office a letter to Wm. B. Calhoun Washington, with a petition from Northampton (97 names) about Arkansas, & the slavery constitution of that Territory. I put in the letter & petition last evening -- went on to-day.

On plain in forenoon -- at Chester Clark's. In afternoon followed tow-path of canal to farther end of South-st. Called at Erastus Clark's -- did not find him. Stopped to converse with Nathl. Clark on return -- called at Samuel Clark's & Chauncy Clark's.

Saturday 30. Called to see David Strong, &c. Miss Parsons here to work for sister Sarah. Dr. Hooker called here -- Mary Williams also, & others. Fixed Trunks. Pleasant weather. Grass grows.

Fires alter, but none are green, save evergreens. O'Keefe's hum towards night. [O.W. says April was a cold raw month. Snow still in drifts.]

May 1836

Sunday 1. Pleasant day. Mr. Davenport from Amherst all day.
In the evening, Isaac Clark & Mrs. Graves here.

Monday 2. Grass is quite green in homelots. Elm trees & some others are greenish, but no trees are green. Snow nearly gone on Tom & Holyoke & on Western hills — some still to be seen.

In afternoon quite warm. Two showers with some thunder.

Tuesday 3. Oren Kingsley here to dinner. Settled with him as

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| May 1. He owed — \$ | | |
| 1 Note for \$343 due May 1 | 343.00 | } Gave him up all these notes, except the "2 more." He balanced as follows |
| Interest on above & 2 more notes } same amount 1 year | 64.74 | |
| Note given year ago & interest | 106.00 | |
| Note given to Timo. Clark \$85 and Interest 5.29 | 90.29 | |
| Note for hay \$90 and Int. 2.02 | 92.02 | |
| 1185 pounds of hay sold to him in March at \$20 per ton | 11.85 | } Keeping my old sheep last summer 81 at 50 cts — \$40.50 |
| Cash | 10 | |
| | \$705.00 | |
| | | } Keeping one sheep through winter " 75 |
| | | } Interest — say " 75 |
| | | 42.00 |

I have one sheep now in his hands & lamb.

The hay he had of me in the sheep-barn (hay which my father left) is not paid for. { Cash this day — 150
New Note — 513.
(\$200 in and May 9) \$705.00

John A. Judd owes me for a ton of hay.

Kingsley's account against me for potatoes, turnips, pork, fixing cars, for bringing in a load of hay, for getting out & spreading manure \$835, and other things (work at manure & transport of hay about $\frac{2}{3}$ of all) for two years past amounted to \$12,84, which I endorsed on his \$50 Easter note (\$11.74 paid before)

Let Kingsley have the avails of 4 lambs sold to Sudden last fall for his fourth part of the lambs last year. 4 sold for \$4.75.

Horace B. Dimock & Jos. Kingsley here — paid \$46.30 on Levi Brown's note to father Hall, leaving \$100 due.

I paid up Turner for last year \$8.74 — most of it Classical Books for Hall.

A warm, growing day today, and a heavy shower towards night.

In the evening I attended an abolition meeting at Mr. Williston's.

Cow taken away yesterday.

Wednesday 4. Deposited \$270 in N.H. Bank.

In the afternoon, I rode to West Hampton with Moses Breeck. Staid with cousin John A. that night.

Thursday 5. Had a reckoning with Capt. Richard Hale. Allowed him \$7.50 for a mistake, real or supposed, made between him & my father. He owed me 25 dolls for use of my pastures last year, \$2.75 for advertisements on my book, & \$3. for after feed on my mowing — all \$30.75
Deduct \$7.50 for above error of my father, & 2 for repairing fence = 9.50
and the balance is \$21.25, for which he gave his note.
After this made partial settlement with cousin John A.

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Thursday 5. Took up 10 dollars 62 cts ^{in goods} & then balanced the books of Hale, Judd & Co. & owed them \$3.34 to begin a new account. The rent of the store is paid to March 15. 1836. I charged them \$24 for rent last year.

Cousin John A. Judd owed me for a note he gave my father (Eliazar Judd, surety) \$297.65. He renewed the note for the above sum, dated May 2. 1836. The original note was dated Sept 20. 1830, for \$386. Indorsed \$63 + 1/4 Sept 20 1831, & \$110.50 Sept. 20. 1832. The amount due after my father's death Sept 20. 1832 was \$241.58. Interest from that time to May 2. 1836, \$56.07 making ——— \$297.65

Cousin John still owes me, besides the above, as follows:—

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|---|---|---------|
| { | Rent of my house & garden for a year from May 1834, | \$15.00 |
| | do " do do " " " 1835— | 15.00 |
| | A ton of hay he had last December | 15.00 |

Some manure to be deducted. (Settled April 28. 1837) \$45.00

Friday 6. Walked over to Oren Kingsley's — took dinner there. He paid me \$5.00 for 498 pounds of hay which my father left in the sheep-barn (called erroneously 1515 pounds in the note of 27th March 17 — error now corrected.) Came back to cousin Eliazar Judd's and settled with him.

Eliazar owed me \$176.90 on a note he gave my father March 19. 1831. Indorsed \$50 July 1. 1831. Original Note \$180. & some cents. Amount due at my father's death Sept. 19. 1832 \$143 & some cents. Interest since accumulated \$33 & some cents making — \$176.90 for which he gave me a new note.

Eliazar owed me \$4.27 on newspaper accounts; \$1.70 for interest on our rent of 1833 (not paid in season) and \$2.00 for hay he had in spring of 1835 from Sheep-barn, which my father left — in all \$7.97. I owed him \$6 for getting out & spreading manure 1834, 91 cents for pork in December 1834, 50 cents for wood for school for my father & I allowed him 56 cents more — so his account was \$7.97 and balanced mine.

Eliazar owed me \$7.50 for my father's old chaise & harness for which he gave me his due bill.

I have his due bill for \$85 for rent of my place in 1834. Remained with cousin Eliazar that night.

Saturday 7. Went over to middle of town. Called to see Mr. & Mrs. Hale. He seems to have quite as much mind as he had 12 months ago — but not much.

Made an agreement with Richard Hale for the use of my pasture & mowing, & put up some fences. In the afternoon visited Mrs. Chapin — came down to brother Parsons. Rainy afternoon. Rode in with Mr. Chapin in the rain.

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Saturday 7. Bargain with Capt. Hale. He to have my
pastures and apples in them that I do not take, for \$25.
Of my mowings (no apples) ————— for \$90
\$115.

I rose \$30 on the rent (conditionally) because I know that
my hay is worth much more than it has been called.
Capt Hale is to pay me \$115 for what cousin Eleazar paid
me in 1833 & in 1834, 85 dollars. But if the sweet apple
trees in the pasture do not bear, I am to make him a little de-
duction — and if the hay is not so much as last year
I am to deduct accordingly. If the hay is more than
last year, he is to increase the \$90 accordingly.

I am to have all the fruit in the mowings, and as many apples
from the pasture as I choose to carry away, especially all the
winter apples. He is to have half of the after feed. He is
to feed out two thirds of the hay or what is equal to it
at my barn, & I am to have the manure. I am to
pay him for repairing fences, & getting out some manure.

Income of my real estate for 1835

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|---|--------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| Store rent | \$24 | Hale. Judd & Co | settled |
| House rent | 15 | John A. Judd | not settled [settled April 1837] |
| $\frac{2}{3}$ of hay (see March 17) | 130.46 | several | settled except J. A. J. |
| Pastures \$25 & after feed 3 ^d | 28.00 | Richard Hale. | not settled |
| Apples, & other fruits say | 28.00 | | |
| | 215.46 | and \$4.88 | for Mr. Chapin's homestead. |

A pretty good income. Some deductions to be made for manure, getting
out & spreading, mending fences, taxes, &c. The high price of hay
made the income much higher than in common years, & apples
helped along. The net income was about 180 dollars, but this allows
nothing for deterioration of land for lack of manure, & deterioration
of buildings & fences.

The season in Westhampton was just about the same as
in Northampton. Grass very green on good mowings and
pastures. Forests not green. Soft maples, poplars, lilacs, horse-
chestnuts show leaves. Two or three blows on one of my
English cherries. Eleazar Judd has planted his corn, but
in general, not much ploughing done in W. H. or N. H.

Cousin Samuel Edwards's son Samuel was buried this afternoon

Sunday 8. Cool. Mr. ——— (from Granby) preached all day.
William Clark, Jr. here in the evening.

May 1836

Monday 9. Cool. Rec^d \$200 at Hampshire Bank for Oren Kingsley and indorsed it on O. K's note for \$513 given May 3^d (two pages back) Brother Parsons here. Paid me for my share of interest in Mr. Chapin's homestead \$4.83. My share in all was \$6.35 but then were two years tax \$1.52 to be deducted, leaving 4.83. I lent brother Parsons \$63 and took his note.

The drove of cows in the streets to day & feed pretty good. My cow went to pasture May 2^d - I sold her April 21. - have none more. The long continued snow of last winter was favorable for grasses & grain; & they shoot forth vigorously. - Letter from W. B. Calhoun

Tuesday 10. Attending to Debts most of the day - collected some of post-riders, & gave them more bills. Received \$25 of Henry for Fitch, & indorsed it on note I have against S. P. Fitch. Advertisement for Abolition meeting appeared in the papers, signed by me & 4 others. - Mr. Chesebrough (of Hadley Academy) came in the evening & lodged here.

Wednesday 11. Pleasant weather. About accounts, &c. Wrote four business letters - to Wm. Ward, Worthington; O. Nash, Peru; Joel Rice, Ware; S. P. Fitch, Pittsfield. Dr. Hooker and wife here in afternoon. Dr. Mathew here in evening.

Apples. I have now only 4 or 5 bushels left - most of them very hard Russets - some pear-mains & a few seek - no further. Of the 56 bushels put up Nov. 23, the barrel put up for Hartford 2 1/2 bushels froze, thawed & rotted; perhaps 3 1/2 bushels more rotted in cellar; I sold during winter & spring about 6 bushels; gave away to brother Johnson & Smith & sister Lyman 6 or 8 bushels; & we have eaten in various ways about 30 bushels.

Total - 5 on hand, 6 perished, 6 sold, 7 given, 30 eaten = all 54.

A barrel sent to Hartford 2 1/2 bushels, completes the 56 bushels.

Thursday 12. Quite warm - a few apple blossoms appear & many red buds. Blossoms on pear trees. Blossoms on English cherries 3 or 4 days ago. Peach trees do not blow this year. Grass grows rapidly. Elm & apple trees green. Forest trees not green. My old friend Thomas W. Shepard here from Salem. Was with him some hours - went to Mr. Whitmarsh's with him. Nieces Abigail & Sarah here from Robert's Meadow. George Lyman here - carried sister Sarah & little Sarah to Easthampton.

In the evening, Abolitionists met in the Town Hall to organize the A. H. Anti-Slavery Society. I was chosen Secretary. I proposed this, in order to get rid of being President. Only a small number attended - perhaps 20 abolitionists & some others.

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Friday 13. Cold, windy day. Sister Sarah returned from E. H. Hooker up to attend to sister Hooker's affairs, & her husband. I with him. Hall arrived from Hartford, having been gone 5 weeks. His health not much improved. Miss Phoebe Parsons here yesterday & to-day making gowns. Wife's silk gown cost \$10.20 besides trimmings & making.

Saturday 14. Last night very cold, & a white frost this morning. About Sister Sarah's affairs, &c. Festus Hooker & others here. Hall making a Dandelion Syrup.

Sunday 15. Frost again this morning. About 9 o'clock A.M., all the family examining an eclipse of the sun through a smoked glass. 8 digits eclipsed. All nature put on a sombre aspect. Mr. Condit preached all day. I have a large Sunday-school class to attend to. A cold, blustering day. Cousin Timothy & wife here in evening.

Tobacco. It is three months since I left off the use of tobacco. In years past, I have left it off several times & began again several times. I contracted the vile habit of smoking when a boy, perhaps 15 years old or 16. In 1819 exchanged smoking for chewing, & have not smoked much since. I first left off the use of tobacco July 25, 1821 — began again — left off again 1825 — began again while at New York, April 1827, & have continued I believe from that time to February last.

Monday 16. Cold morning, but warm day. Preparing for sister Hooker's departure. She & little Sarah started for Chesterfield about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. J. Allen Strong carried them in his chaise. They will meet Doct. Hooker at Chesterfield, & start from there in the stage in the morning for Albany. Her husband ^{son} at York, on Genesee river above Rochester. I have but two sisters, & one of them is now to be separated hundreds of miles from me. Sister Lyman, George & Clarissa arrived here a short time before she started.

I paid sister Sarah as follows:—

Legacy of my father (rest paid before) ————— \$365

Interest from Sept. 19, 1834 to Feb. 2, 1836, 1 yr. 4 mo. 13 d. 30 (money has been lying by for her since Feb. 2.)

395

All gifts I made her —————

60

\$455—

I paid her 2 \$100 bills, 3 \$50 bills, 5 \$20 bills & one \$5 — all \$455. I took \$270 from Bank (deposited May 4) \$150 of the \$200 received of O'Kingsley at Bank May 9, \$25 received of Henry for Fitch May 10, and \$10 from other sources = \$455.

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Monday 16-continued. My sister Sarah thought my father did not give her enough in his will; and when I sold the old farm to O. Kingsley, I obtained more for it in consequence of her husband's appearing desirous to purchase. On these accounts I gave my sister the 60 dollars, though she had no legal claim; and I shall perhaps give her more.

Tuesday 17. Warm. Darn the fall or leap of Martha Lyman into the canal, 15 or 20 feet, near the arch-bridge, last evening. Visit the place. Visit Roxana Hunt—in relation to the marriage of her suitor to another in Georgia—Collect some money.

Apple-trees not yet in full blossom.—Hail & Apphia walked to Hadley to Examination.

Wednesday 18. Rode & walked to East Hampton—went to sister Lyman's; in afternoon adjusted accounts with Luther Clapp & Samuel Williston, & visited cousin Orpah Lyman, wife of Jeremiah Lyman. Staid at sister Lyman's.

Thursday 19. Got half of my debt against Bela Hannum, or Orunkard, & gave him the other half. Received a debt due from estate of Ocran Clapp. After dinner visited the grist-mill & sashet factory with George Lyman. Came home by way of Medad Strong's &c and took tea at James Phelps's. His wife was Thankfull Glee.—Attended abolition discussion meeting at town hall—hall tolerably full, but not much animation as none would argue that slavery is not a sin.

Warm, dry, dusty weather—nights cool.

Friday 20. Apple trees in full blossom. With cold nights & warm days vegetation is not very rapid. Employed on debts & on antiquities.

Saturday 21. Brother Hall called this morning on his way from New York. A shower last night. Antiquities, &c.

Sunday 22. Mr. Condit all day.

Monday 23. Brother Johnson & wife here. Mr. Ware of Amherst here. On Ancient affairs some.

Tuesday 24. Cloudy. Prepared to go to Springfield to search old records. In the afternoon, rode to South Hadley and tarried at brother Smith's.—Went with A. Judd, post rider.

Wednesday 25. Alfred Judd carried me to Springfield. We went through Willamantic village, Chickopee Factory village & entered Springfield by the hill or Amory. It was the second centennial anniversary of the settlement of Springfield. Judge O. B. Morris made an address. There was much parade, and a great concourse of people.

June. 1836

- Springfield Visit. I remained in Springfield from May 25 to June 11—2 weeks + 3 days. Mr. George Bancroft offered me the use of one of the rooms of his library, & I had a convenient place—could go in & out when I pleased, & here I passed more than a fortnight—used to carry books from Town Clerk's, Register & Deed & other places, and usually spent almost all the time from 5 in the morning to 10 & half past 10 at night, at Mr. Bancroft's table. Judge Morris was frequently in, & Mr. Bancroft was in an adjoining room, often in the one where I was. It was hard work. I boarded at Warriner's Hotel. The first Sabbath, May 29. I went to Dr. Osgood's meeting all day; on the 2^d Sabbath June 5. I went to same place half a day, & to Mr. Baldwin's meeting on the hill, the other part of the day. My expenses for board were 8 dollars, & going & coming, shaving & boot-brushing, about 3 dollars more.
- Saturday 11. I returned by stage, in the dusk. Found the family as I left them. Learned that son J. W., his wife, child, sister Arthusa, & Rascilia Anderson of Hartford, came here for a visit May 25, the day after I went to Springfield, & remained till Saturday, May 28, when they returned.
- Sunday 12. Dr. Brown of Hadley preached all day. In the evening was at Timo. Clark's, & Wm. Clark, Jr. was there.
- Monday 13. At work on ancient affairs. Paid \$4.75 for Dr. Flint's bill since I settled with him before. Hall had paid it in my absence.
- Tuesday 14. On old affairs. Mr. Bancroft came to N. H. today and I went with him in the afternoon to South Street, to Mr. Whitmarsh's, &c.
- Wednesday 15. On old affairs. Letter from Sister Sarah, brought by Dr. Hooker.
- Thursday 16. On same.
- Friday 17. Went to Hadley & Hockanum with Wm. Clark. Made bargain with A. Rankin for grave stones for my father, \$26.50; & for father Hall \$22.50—both \$39.
- Saturday 18. On old affairs. Heavy rain. Letter from Mr. Calhoun at Washington, about anti-slavery petitions regarding Arkansas.
- Sunday 19. President Humphrey all day—a dull preacher.
- Monday 20 & Cold, rainy days. At home on old records, &c.
- Tuesday 21 } Grass grows finely, but other things are backward.
- Wednesday 22 } Brother Parsons, wife & Paris Tallcot here on Wednesday—also Mr. Cheesebrough.

June 1836

Thursday 23. Still cold & cloudy. On old affairs.

Friday 24. Still cold & cloudy. On old affairs. I weighed 162 pounds.

Saturday 25. Still cold, cloudy, & rainy. Same

Sunday 26. Colder yet - a pretty good fire convenient & comfortable
Mr. Condit of South Hadley all day.

Monday 27. Sun out again after a long obscuration.

Taxes - My Town Tax in N.H. 19.82 [Paid July 5. 5 p^{ts} off.

My Parish Tax — 11.27. paid this to day. 5 p^{ts} off.

My Town Tax in Westhampton 9.60 [Paid this July 1. 5 p^{ts} off.

My Highway Tax in do — 3.28.

Parish tax higher than last year - part of parsonage house in the tax. Total 1403.
I am taxed for a 1/24th part of the whole. Several have signed off, so
my proportion is increased. Only 30 in the parish are taxed higher
than I.

In the evening was at Mrs. Dewey's (Isaac Clark's) with
Rev. Josiah Clark wife, Chauncey Clark wife, & their sister
Miss Loveland. There was some of the "feast of reason" - there
is always argument, when the Clark's are.

Tuesday 28. Old affairs. In afternoon I & wife went to visit at
Chauncey Clark's - his brother Josiah, & there. Good visit.

Pleasant day, with sun-shine. Pretty warm.

E. Graves had paid me his Note for 105 given in January last, &
I lent to day \$100 to Moody, Hoxsey & Co. & took note.

Wednesday 29. Old matters. Some showers today. Towards night
Sister Hall & two sons came from Greenfield.

Thursday 30. Old Affairs. Sister Hall & sons took my wife & went
to South Hadley. I was some hours at Rev. Mr. Williams.

Friday

July 1836

Friday 1. Warm weather - Wife & Sister Hall returned from the east-
side of river in the evening. I was at Mrs. Loveland's
in the evening - Rev. Josiah Clark wife, Chauncey & Isaac
there.

Saturday 2. Sister Hall & sons to W. Hampton. warm & sunny.

Today & some days past - I have ^{been} over the old church
record of Northampton. Have not been to centre for 3 or 4 days.

Sunday 3. Professor Park preached all day - an able man
& with much animation - but an old school man to the full.
At Cousin Timothy's in evening.

Monday 4. Cloudy day with some rain. The cannon were fired, bells
rung, & the boys squibbed - all to show how independent we
are. I did not go from the house during the day, nor did
any of the family except Hopkine & Peninnah.

Tuesday 5. About the village most of day. Settled some accounts.

Talked a good deal. Paid postage bill for last quarter only \$2.35
smaller than any quarter since 1834.

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Tuesday 5. - continued. Received of brother Parsons \$45 on his note. In evening went to see Mrs. Moies & Henry Bardwell. Henry is pardoned, & at liberty.

Wednesday 6. On old affairs.

Thursday 7. A warm day - good hay-weather - on old affairs and about village. Got a loan at Hampshire Bank for brother Hall for 1000 dollars, and signed the note as surety. Dated July 7 - payable in 45 days. Sister Hall & two sons arrived from Westfield towards night. Sent 3 bills to Pittsfield by John Little, who goes out in the morning.

Friday 8. A hot night, & another very warm day. Thermometer in shade up to 97. Hay making in good earnest.

Sister Hall went for Greenfield this morning. Sent two bills.

Sent the \$1000 dollars. - Wrote to S. P. Fitch & Henry Marsh.

C. P. Huntington paid me rest of his first 1000 dollar note, viz, \$300, and interest since Jan. 1. \$9.38. He paid me by note vs. Roswell Hubbard \$150. & interest \$5.17, & cash \$154.21.

I paid Mrs. State milk bill since first week in May, viz

Ql'a quarts at 4cts \$2.50. The new account begins tomorrow.

Saturday 9. Last night very warm, & to-day it is hot. A heavy shower about noon did not moderate the heat. Much hay wet. On church records.

Sunday 10. Mr. Goudit all day.

Monday 11. This morning about 3 o'clock Hall & Hophni started for Hartford in the stage. Hophni has worked out & earned money to pay his stage fare & goes down for a visit. Hall has long been out of health & he hardly knew what to do with himself here. He is in hopes of finding employment & relief in Hartford. He is under the necessity of relinquishing his studies after having fitted for college. I gave him \$5.00.

In afternoon, I, with Isaac Blank went round by Burnell's mill & across the river & back by West street. Stopped at Samuel Parsons. I paid Rankin \$20 towards grave stones. Poor hay weather.

Tuesday 12. Most of the day about accounts. Wrote to Rufus Powers. Wrote to Drusilla about a girl - to Mrs. Barber about Tailorress. Persis Valcott went from here with it. Judd, to go to Mrs. Barber's. South Hadley.

Poor hay weather. My little lot here mowed - paid 75 cts to the mower.

Wednesday 13. Worked among Hay & on church Records.

Thursday 14. A rainy day - a very heavy rain. On church records

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Friday 15. At work among hay. Daniel Webster in town. I did not go to see him.

Saturday 16. Dried my hay as much as I could & carried it in on my pitchfork - towards half a ton.

Sunday 17. Mr. Condit preached. I staid at home in afternoon.

Monday 18. Cool, pleasant weather. Most of the day at work in the garden. Rest on church records. Isaac Clark here in the evening.

Tuesday 19. Brother Parsons & wife here. He paid me the rest of his note given May 9. viz. ^{\$}18 principal & 63 cts. interest. I paid him for butter for 10 weeks from May 25 to July 26 inclusive - 3 pounds per week at 1/6. = ^{\$}5.00. I paid him also for two pounds of blue mixed rolls ^{\$}2.00. for stocking yarn. - Rec^d. ^{\$}20 of S. P. Fitch in a letter. Had conversation with Mr. Alex^r H. Dalton about Dr. Wells debt. Wrote to Elizabeth & boys at Hartford by Miss Pomeroy. Wrote queries for Burr to carry to Worthington about sheep which Oran Kingsley sold to Northam of Worthington. O Fairman pretends that Kingsley sold some of his sheep, for which I received the pay.

In the evening we had a "dish of discourse" in Isaac Clark's store. Wm. Clark Jr & Z. Wilder there, & Mr Burr.

Wednesday 20. About the village - went with Wm. Clark Jr to see his grass shep. Let Moody, Horse & Co. have 200 dollars & took their note. I received ^{\$}150 of this of C. P. Huntington and ^{\$}50 of Asa Parsons, some days since.

In the evening, after hearing a street-sermon before the meeting-house, went to Chauncy Clark's with Isaac. Two of Oliver Edwards' children there.

Fine hay-weather.

Thursday 21. On old records, &c. In the evening we had another street-sermon, and after that a heavy rain. Confab. at Isaac Clark's store. Chauncy Clark & Wm. Clark, Jr. there.

Friday 22. A cool pleasant day. Received last evening a letter from Hall & a letter from J. Walker. Hall is in a provision store in Hartford. Letter from Burr, of Worthington, yesterday, about sheep sold to Northam. Another street-sermon, and another discussion at Isaac Clark's.

Saturday 23. On church records & in garden.

Sunday 24. Mr. a young man all day.

Mr. Bancroft came up on Saturday. Came to my house this evening with Chauncy Clark. I was at Post Office with him & others latter part of evening.

July 1836

Monday 25. Cool. Sent letter to F. M. Hubbard, Boston. Old Records.

Tuesday 26. About Village.

Wednesday 27. ~~At~~ Church Records. John A. Judd & wife here.

Thursday 28. Same. At Chauncy Clark's in evening.

Friday 29. Same

Saturday 30. Same. Brought the Records back to Mr. Williams

Oren Kingsley here.

John A. Judd took up the note at Mr. Stoddard's (when he was in) to which my father's name was subscribed as surety. Note for \$30, dated July 20. 1830. Having taken his name from the last note, as I suppose. & Tyler after Judd &

I have fastened it, to show his ~~signature~~ writing his name.

Sunday 31. Mr. Park, Tutor at Andover, all day. Not very interesting.

August 1836.

Monday 1st } About the village — some business — a good deal of abolition
Tuesday 2. } talk, &c.

Wednesday 3 } Same as above. and on old affairs. Much

Thursday 4 } abolition talk this week. Mr. Loveland here from

Friday 5 } Alabama. — On Friday 5. I paid John Phillips

Saturday 6 } \$24, for Zephaniah Hunt which will be so much
towards my rent. — Purchased cloth for Pantaloons & Vest.

Sunday 7. Mr. Condit in forenoon. Dr. Tyler of East Windsor Seminary P.M.

Monday 8. Settled with James H. Elapp of Belchertown by giving
receiving a receipt in full. He had carried papers
for me in his stages, & had had papers & advertising done.
Ed. Hooker here from Westfield, & brother Hall and
Charles from Greenfield, in the afternoon. I was
at Chauncy Clark's in the evening.

Tuesday 9. Hopkins came home from Hartford, having been
absent 4 weeks. A cold day. Fire comfortable.
Collected some money.

Wednesday 10. Cold. Frost in some places this morning.
Preparing for a visit to Connecticut.

Thursday 11. Still cool.

Started for Hartford about half past 10, with my wife in
the stage — arrived at J. W.'s in Hartford about sun-down.

Friday 12 } These days employed in visiting, looking about the city, &c.

Saturday 13 } 3 sons in Hartford. — J. W. — C. Parkman & Hall. Hall in a
store.

Sunday 14. Went to meeting at Free-church.

Monday 15. In town-clerk's office some. — Parkman starts for
Newtown, to be examined for admission to college.

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- Tuesday 16. I & wife & J. W. & wife, & Mr. Kellogg & Rev. Mr. Tracy started for New Haven in two 2 horse carriages. Sylvester had engaged a place for us (the first four) at Mrs. Fenn's, & we went there.
- Wednesday 17. Commencement day. We all attended in the forenoon & heard the orations & colloquies; and Sylvester's oration among the others. — In the afternoon we rode all about the city in J. W.'s carriage, & some in the suburbs.
- Thursday 18. We visited the mineralogical cabinet of Yale College, the Trumbull paintings, — a collection of birds, the burying ground, &c.
- Friday 19. Some rain. J. W. & his wife & mother & Putnam left for Hartford. I visited Town Clerk's office & probate office. In afternoon, I left Sylvester at New Haven & took stage for Waterbury, — about 22 miles. Put up at Burton's tavern. In the evening, I called upon Bennett Bronson, Esq. & borrowed his old records — went back to Burton's & wrote till after midnight.
- Saturday 20. Was at Judge Bronson's & Town Clerk's office most of the day. I visited the burying ground, and found the grave stone of one of my ancestors — Thomas Judd, who died Jan. 4. 1747, & was, as the inscription says, "the first Justice, Deacon & Captain in Waterbury".
- Sunday 21. Went to the Congregational meeting all day.
- Monday 22. Had conversation with several persons — became acquainted with Doct. Danl. Porter, a man who has paid considerable attention to antiquities. Visited an extensive Button Factory. In the afternoon Dr. Porter carried me 4 miles or more on the way to Watertown (the old parish of Westbury) and I walked on foot the rest of the way — 1½ or 2 miles — stopped in the burying ground by the way. Put up at Bishop's tavern near the centre of Watertown, & close by (& probably once a part of) the possessions of my great grandfather, Capt. Wm. Judd, son of the above Deac. Thomas Judd. Found Eleazar Judd & Benj. Judd here & the mother of the former about 97 years old. These are very remote relations. I ascertained what I wished in regard to my great-grandfather, his place of residence &c. His large & fine farm here is all in the hands of strangers & his posterity are almost extinct in the town.

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Tuesday 23. I went 1½ miles East to visit Mrs. Richards a grand-daughter of Stephen Judd, & a 2^d cousin to me. Got much information in regard to the descendants of Capt. Wm. Judd. — About 2 or 3 o'clock I started on foot with my baggage in a valise in my hand, for Plymouth Hollow, 5 miles. Walked it without difficulty in less than 2 hours — visited a clock factory, the burying yard, &c. in the Hollow. Remained here over night.

Wednesday 24. Took the Litchfield Stage for Farmington through Plymouth & Bristol, 14 or 15 miles. Reached Farmington about 9 o'clock. Visited burying ground. In the afternoon, Edward Hooker, Esq. carried me 4 miles to Plainville in Farmington where the probate office is kept. Examined the Farmington probate Records. Came back. Took tea with Mr. Hooker. Put up at Cowles' Hotel.

Thursday 25. Spent all day & evening at Horace Cowles' the Town Clerk, examining Farmington Records.

Friday 26. Spent an hour or two at Mr. Cowles' — then got on top of the stage with 4 others (inside being full) & rode to Hartford 9 miles. Found wife had been quite unwell but was recovering. In the afternoon, I rode with J. W. & grandson through the Hartford North meadow.

Saturday 27. In public offices &c.

Sunday 28. Went to Free church. S

Monday 28, & on through week — Spent in visiting and in searching ancient records at the Secretary's office, probate office, &c.

September 1836

Sunday 4. Attended Methodist meeting ½ day; Baptist meeting ½ day. J. Walker left us for Philadelphia on Friday last Sept. 2. My wife started for home on Tuesday Sept. 6. I spent most of the week in the public offices, among old records.

Sunday 11. To Dort. Haues meeting with C. Parkman all day.

Monday 12. Elizabeth started for New York with her mother Mrs. Wing — will find J. W. in New York.

I spent the week as before. ^{American Board met here} _{Mr. Bisbee wife & child here as J. W.}

Saturday 17. J. W. & Elizabeth returned by way of New Haven and Sylvester came with them.

Sunday 18. Went to Free church forenoon; Universalist meeting P.M.

[Frost in Sept. Come killed throughout N.E. Sept. 6. morning. O.W.]

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Monday 19. Elizabeth sick.

Tuesday 20. Sylvester & C. Parkman left for Northampton. I sat up with Elizabeth till 5 o'clock this morning.

Wednesday 21 } These days, I was very busy at the Public Offices,
Thursday 22 } except a part of two days, I was with Elizabeth.
Friday 23 }

Saturday 24. Came home through Westfield found all well.

Parkman left for Hartford to day, & will proceed to New Haven next week, & commence his college life

I have been about 6 weeks and 2 days. Have Expended - as follows - Stage fare to Hartford for myself & wife \$4.50

Paid for board in New Haven \$1.00 per day 6.00

I expended \$1.25 stage fare to Watubury, & \$3.75 at Watubury. 5.00

At Watertown 88. At Plymouth \$1.12 including stage. 2.00

At Farmington 2.06 including stage. 2.06

Paid wife 75^{cts} Paid her stage fare home 2.25 3.00

Paid clo 60^{cts}. Paid for her Physician & medicine \$3 3.60

My stage fare home 2.25. Small matters, toll &c. 59^{cts}. 2.84

Paid J.W. 75^{cts} this wife 75^{cts} (this is all I have paid for his carrying us to New Haven, except a little toll on the way) 1.50

Total expenses. \$30.50

Paid out birds \$2.25 for things for Hall, and 2.25 to 4.50

Strong (writing master) for instructing Hopkins 35.00.

I have not visited Hartford before since Sept. 1831 - was then down with my wife.

Sunday 25. Mr Todd preached for us all day - He is soon to leave for Philadelphia. In the evening I visited cousin Timo. Clark & E. Graves.

Monday 26. About the village &c. Oren Kingsley here.

In the evening at Chauncy Clark's

Tuesday 27. Cold - Brother Smith & wife here.

I had conversation with Mr. Saml. Lathrop of West Springfield. and others. At Isaac Clark's in evening.

Wednesday 28. About the village, & talking with Sylvester at home.

Thursday 29. Same Do.

Samuel Parsons paid me the other half of the note he gave May 22 1834. for Sarah A. Edwards' land. over \$257.81 & Interest 2 years 4 mo. 7 days \$36.41 = 294.22
He paid me for borrowed money \$35 & Interest 35 cents.

Friday 30. Cold. No frost yet. Everything green. [I had not been abroad when I wrote this.]

In afternoon, rode out to Broughton's Meadow & the Silk Factory, with Wm. Clark Jr. to see his 150 acres of corn. The frost of last night has destroyed every tender plant in the western part of the town. [A killing frost O.W.]

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- Saturday 1. } The past season has been the coldest I have known
Season } since 1816 - 20 years ago. The crop of grain ^{is} good
- of rye light. Corn & broomcorn will not yield more
than half a crop. Potatoes muddling. The frost & wet,
since did much damage in some parts of the
country. In this vicinity, there was no severe frost
till Thursday night (yesterday morning.) That was a
fatal black frost in the region around, but in the village
& meadow its effects were partial. In looking out from
the place where I live, all the trees & most of the vegetables
are still green. — Fire not only comfortable, but necessary.
Tried to settle with Mr Lathrop (Howard & Lathrop) — there is an
old paper account between us. We did not finish.
- Sunday 2. Mr Goodit all day. Sauramunt. Rain in evening.
- Monday 3. My postage bill last quarter \$1.73. I have paid it.
Wrote 3 letters — one to Bennett Bronson, Waterbury, Conn.
one to James B. Horner, Hartford, and one to Joel Rice
of Ware. Joel Rice in a letter of Aug. 18, sent me \$9
he had collected. I sent him back one dollar for his trouble
in my letter to day.
- Tuesday 4. Paid yesterday & to day 16 cents for sheep pork, 20 cts
for butter, 10 cents for cheese, 6 cts for mutton; in all \$8.06.
Anti-Slavery address in the Town Hall in the Evening by
A. B. Warner.
- Wednesday 5. Rainy Day. Mustin at Bloody Brook. Hophrie went up.
- Thursday 6. Sylvester & I went to Westhampton & gathered some apples
& pears. He came in & I remained.
- Friday 7. Called at Mr. Chapin's & Doct. Hooker's. Walked to Robert's
Meadow in the afternoon, & rode in from there with
Doct. Flint. Bill of Goods at John A. Judd's \$8.51.
- Saturday 8. About Village — Wrote letter to J. F. Cutler, Hardwick, in regard
to a debt of H. T. Hooker.
- Sunday 9. Mr. Phoenix all day.
- Monday 10. Very cold. Heavy frost. Trees have become variegated with
various colors. Lent 220 Dollars of Sarah A. Edwards
money to Samuel James & Enoch Lyman, Westhampton, &
took note. At Channey Clark's with Isaac in the evening.
- Tuesday 11. Heavy frost again.
- Wednesday 12. Ground covered with snow in the morning. Have seen
none before. The storm turned into rain, and it was
a cold, rainy, windy day — very uncomfortable.
Settled with Elisha Graves — paid him \$4.31 to balance.
Apphia sick.

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Thursday 13. Pleasant day. Meeting of Societies in afternoon with addresses. Sylvester returned from Hartford & Westfield in the evening. Put a barrel of apples in a boat on the canal for C. Parkman at Yale College. Talked politics some. Temperance Address in Edwards Church in the evening.

Friday 14. Wrote a letter to son C. P. at New Haven. His letter of Oct 5 not answered till now. Apphia still sick. Talked politics quite too much. In the evening two men from Cabotville, agents of the girls who have turned out there, came to Isaac Clark's store to get Chauncey Clark to go down & deliver an address. Had a long talk about the girls, &c. with these men.

Saturday 15. Pleasant day.

Sunday 16. Mr. Tyler of Amherst College all day.

Monday 17. Cold & pleasant.

Tuesday 18. Same. Hophni started for Hartford in the stage. Son J. W. wanted his help & sent for him. ^{\$2.00}

In the evening was at Chauncey Clark's.

Apphia still sick. Doct. Fisk has been here 3 times.

Wednesday 19. Partly clear. A large collection of people.

Brother Smith & Sarah, sister Lyman & George, sister Drusilla, Aaron H. Parsons, & Edward Hooker son of Col. Wm. H. were here to dinner.

Oren Kingsley paid me 50 cents for an old sheep - the last I had. & he is not to charge any thing for keeping.

Thursday 20. Rainy. Paid Mrs. Slate for milk since July 8 about 100 days - $67\frac{1}{2}$ quarts at 4 cents — ^{\$2.68.} $32\frac{1}{2}$ at 5 cents ... ^{\$3.00.}
Paid Sarah & Edward \$10

Friday 21. Paid up Huntington & Lathrop \$14.15.

Abolition Expenses, I expended last winter & spring for abolition as follows.

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Postage on Letters | 2.27 |
| Handbills (Julliet al) | 1.75 |
| Freight of box | .50 |
| 12 Gazettes for Wm Hunt | .48 |
| 100 Gazettes | 3.50 |
| Paid Mr Scott | 10.00 |
| Advertising in Spring | .50 |
| | <u>\$19.00</u> |

Today, Isaac Clark paid me \$17 collected of the abolitionists. As I ought to pay at least 5. ^{\$} only 14 was due to me. So I have ^{\$}3.00 of abolition money on hand.

Saturday 22. Prepared an article in favor of George Bancroft. Sent it to Amherst & Clark.

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Sunday 23. Professor Tyler of Amherst in old Church. In the afternoon, I went to Edwards' meeting house - heard Mr. Mitchell preach. I have not gone from my meeting house to another on the Sabbath for many years till today.

Monday 24. Pleasant weather.

Tuesday 25. Very cold.

Wednesday 26. Rode to Wethampten with brother Parsons - staid at his house. Cold.

Thursday 27. Brother Parsons & I gathered my winter apples about 25 bushels, & his horse drew them to his house. These were some injured by frost; & some bushels were destroyed by freezing & we did not gather them. The severe frosts have injured all apples that were out. Mr. S. P. Fitch came along & I settled with him at the old store. He paid me to balance accounts \$58.07.

Friday 28. I went to Oren Kingsley's - then to dinner. Looked about on old things that recalled my parents, & my youthful days. This seems more like home than any place I have since lived in. Went back to centre & staid at John A. Judd's.

Saturday 29. I came to Northampton with Brother Parsons' horse and waggon, - brought 5 bushels of apples & nearly 2 of quinces. Henry came in & took back the waggon. The rest of apples about 20 bushels were put in Brother Parson's cellar. Found Apples no better, but rather worse. Sylvester went to Westfield on Friday - was disappointed & returned home on foot.

Paid brother \$1 cash & a peck of quinces 50 cents for aid about apples.

Sunday 30. Still cold. Mr. Rand preached all day. He is an abolition agent, & will spend some time in this vicinity.

Pew - After I came to Northampton in 1822 I sat 2 years in pew 107 on the N.W. end of the meeting house. I hired one half & brother H. T. Hooker the other half. Since then I have hired No 129 of Dr. Stebbins, and have sat therein (on the S.W. side of Mt. House) 12 years & 6 months. I sat there for the last time Oct 16. To-day I took a seat again in No 107, having hired one half of it.

Since I have lived in Northampton, I have paid for pew rent as follows -

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1/2 pew two years | at \$6 | 12 |
| Whole pew of Dr. Stebbins | 8 years 8 months | at 12 apr. 1064 |
| do - - - do | 2 " | at 20 - 20 |
| do - - - do | 1 " 1835 | at 9 - 9 |
| do - - - do | 9 1/2 months 1836, | 6 |

Total.

\$151.

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Sunday 30-continued. This day my wife is 50 years old.

This afternoon a cousin of my wife, Mary Danforth, daughter of the late Elias Hall, called to see us. She is on her way from Western New York to Worcester County.

Dr. Flint has visited Apphia 4 days in succession including to day.

Monday 31. A severe night. Mrs. Danforth left us in the stage at 4 o'clock this morning. I sat up to attend to her.

Thermometer at sunrise 19 degrees above 0.

Gave to-day \$11 for a barrel of flour. Paid Dr. Stebbins \$6 for new rent from Jan'y 1. till I left the pew.

Dr. Flint here twice.

[October an unprecedented cold month for October. O. Warner.

November - 1836

Tuesday 1. Thermometer this morning 18 deg. above 0. Dr. Flint here.

Wednesday 2. Warner. Wrote to Aretusa & to J. Walker. Some time spent in politics. Am obliged to lift at the wheel some & help along the democrats. Dr. Flint here twice.

Thursday 3. Rain here last night. Hills east & west covered with snow. Sylvester almost sick with pain & swelling connected with his teeth. Dr. Flint here.

Friday 4. Carried a barrel of apples to the boat for G. Parkman. Dr. Flint here. Sylvester quite down.

Saturday 5. Dr. Flint here. Lanced Sylvester's face. Apphia called better. Hophni returned from Hartford. I wrote an article for the Republican.

Sunday 6. Mr. Fay, a Tract agent preached all day. Dr. Flint here. I was at cousin Timothy's in evening.

Monday 7. Colder but still pleasant. Wrote a little for the Republican.

Tuesday 8. Same. Occupied with Sylvester about a school, & with politics. Dr. F. here yesterday & today.

Wednesday 9. Same weather. At Channey Glanville's in evening. Dr. Flint here.

Thursday 10. Same weather. Dr. Flint here. O. Kingsley here. Lent him \$30.

Friday 11. Warm & rainy. Dr. Wright, student, here. Wrote to Mrs. Danforth.

Saturday 12. Warm & heavy rain.

Sunday 13. Very pleasant. Mrs. Smith of Wms. Town all day.

In the evening the whigs had a caucus in the Town Hall, & poured forth their usual calumnies & abuse upon the heads of the democrats. There are soft places enough to receive it all.

Monday 14. Town meeting. I voted for Marcus Morton for the first time, but could not vote for electors. My abolition principles would not let me vote for Van Buren nor Harrison. Morton had 158 votes, Van Buren Electors 144, Geo. Bancroft, Mayor 136. The whig caucus frightened some 15 or 20 more - perhaps more. — Some rain & snow to-day. Dr. F. here.

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- Tuesday 15. In the morning, the ground covered with snow.
Votes come in about as last year. Bancroft will be disappointed, but he must learn to exercise patience.
Rec^d. \$12.44 of Lewis Bartlett - a note he gave my father.
- Wednesday 16. Some rain. Letter from Elizabeth. Dr. Here
- Thursday 17. Wrote to Elizabeth &c. Sent a barrel of apples to Hartford.
Sylvester to Amherst. He went to Granby yesterday.
F. Buel, clam-mate of Sylvester here yesterday.
- Friday 18. Sylvester started for Templeton at 2 o'clock this morning in the stage. Let him have \$2.
Mr Hunt of Cunningham here. Left 30 $\frac{3}{4}$ ^{lb} cheese at 10^c - 3.07^c _(indoor)
Last evening a lecture at Edward's meetinghouse on Hindooism, with paintings. Dr. F. called.
- Saturday 19. Cold & pleasant. On history of Flanders
- Sunday 20. Same. Mr. - from Ireland in the forenoon
Mr. Fay, track & book agent, in afternoon.
- Monday 21. A rainy day. On history. Did not go out.
- Tuesday 22. Pleasant. On same. Can't work.
Sylvester returned from Templeton in the evening.
I attended W. B. Calhoun's Address in Town Hall.
Cousin John A. Judd here over night.
- Wednesday 23. Pleasant. About village. Paid Abel Rankin remainder for grave-stones - viz. \$26 for my father & \$13 for father Hall.
He made a mistake in date of Father Hall's death, viz Sept. 4. for Sept. 5. & I kept back a dollar till he corrects it.
- Thursday 24. Pleasant. About village, and History. ^(Corrected 1837 & I paid the dollar)
- Friday 25. Cold day. Attended a beet meeting in the afternoon in the town hall. Mr. Agnard, the French vice-consul in Boston, gave information to the meeting in regard to beets & beet-sugar in France.
Mr. Wright, preceptor of Leicester Academy here in the evening - to get information about his ancestors.
- Saturday 26. Last night very cold. Thermometer this morn. 13 deg. above 0.
Prices - I have paid this week 20 cent. for lard, 25 cents for butter, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents for candles (not higher than usual) and at the rate of \$14.25 or 4.50 per cord for hard wood.
- Sunday 27. Cold. Mr. Chapin of Westhampton all day. He was here in evening.
- Monday 28. Cold severe. On History most of day.
In morning Thermometer 12 deg. above 0.
- Tuesday 29. Cold. On History.
- Wednesday 30. Cold. On History. In the evening J. Walker, Hall, and grandson Albert Henry arrived from Hartford.
Took up note \$80 I gave at Hartford for Sylvester Aug. 30
Paid it by Sarah A. Edwards' money. Took Sylvester's note.

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Wood. The wood purchases last winter was enough to last till about November 1. I have since purchased of

Elam Clark's son - 1 load hard $\frac{3}{4}$ cord say 2.67 settled

do do - 1 load white pine 2.00 settled.

Stephen Wood 1 load chestnut 2.50. settled

Widow Phoebe Clark's son. 2 loads hemlock 4.50 settled

do do - $\frac{3}{4}$ cord oak - 3.33. cash paid.

Oren Kingsley 1 load Hemlock - 1 cord + 28 feet - 3.04 settled

Nov 30. do do 1 " do - 1 " + 57 feet - 3.50 settled

Dec 13 Stephen Wood 1 " chestnut - 2.42 settled.

1837 Jan. 7 Oren Kingsley 1 cord of soft maple in 1 load. - 3.62 settled

28 do do $\frac{1}{4}$ cord of hemlock - 1.75 settled

30 Theodor Shuldon Oak - 3.00 on side

31 Richard Hale Chestnut Stabs, $\frac{3}{4}$ cord. 1.82 settled

Feb 6 Oren Kingsley Hemlock Bark 75 feet. 2.34 settled

11 Elijah Stockwell small load Hemlock - 1.62 settled.

23 Martin Wright hemlock &c. $1\frac{1}{2}$ cord. 2.75 settled

March 2 Oren Kingsley Hemlock - $\frac{3}{4}$ cord. 1.67 (by paid sent)

March Elijah Stockwell Hemlock - 1.62 settled

Got Thos. Pomeroy 3 loads 232 feet 5.87 Paid

July 14. Oren Kingsley 1 cord 40 ft oak chips 3.29 settled

\$53.51

December 1836

Thursday 1. Thanksgiving Day. More preparation for this Day than usual, in past years. Wife almost worn out. Only J. W. went to meeting. Mr. Fay preached. At dinner, all my children present except C. Parkman, also, grand-child present.

Friday 2. J. W. Sylvester & Hall went to sister Lyman's, Easthampton. In the evening J. W. & I. had the folly to go & hear Bodman's oration at the American Hotel.

Saturday 3. J. W. and Hall went to Robert's Meadow & Westhampton. Sylvester preparing for Templeton.

Sunday 4. Mr. Fay preached A. M. Sacrament. Mr. Beckwith, the Peace agent, preached in afternoon. In the evening, Col. Edwards of S. H. brought his son and Miss Bates here, to go to Templeton with Sylvester. Isaac Clark here.

Monday 5. About 4 o'clock this morning, Sylvester & the other two started for Templeton. I sat up for them. Sylvester is to commence a school there tomorrow. J. W. Hall & grandson started for Hartford at 10 o'clock. No snow - good wheeling in every direction. In History. In evening, Isaac Clark & A. B. Warner here about abolition measures.

Tuesday 6. } On History &c. did not go from the house.

Wednesday 7. } Sister Lyman & Thers here Wednesday.

Thursday 8. } Great Collection of Mr. Mitchell over Edwards Society. I did not attend.

(December, 1836

Friday 9. The month of Dec. has been clear & cold, thus far. History.

Saturday 10. Warmish - a rainy day. Do.

Sunday 11. Pleasant. Comfortable at meeting without a surtout.

Mr. Fay all day.

Monday 12. Still pleasant.

Tuesday 13. Same. Rained at night

Wednesday 14. Turned cold towards night. Heavy wind.

Thursday 15. Cold & windy.

Friday 16. Cold. Was with Isaac Clark, who is sick most of the day.

Saturday 17. Snowed last night & this morning. I watched with I. Clark last night & was there most all day.

Sunday 18. Pretty good sleighing - the first this winter here. I did not go to meeting - a stitch in my side. Wm. Clark Jr. here in the evening. - Sent him a book.

Monday 19. } On History, &c. Prepared advertisements for Abolition Meeting.

Tuesday 20. } At Isaac Clark's some every day. He is better.

Wednesday 21. It rained hard last night & this forenoon. I never saw the small brooks & Mill River much higher. The snow all gone. This is the day for the Temperance Convention. We met in afternoon & evening, but very few here from other towns. Travelling very bad.

Thursday 22. Cold & pleasant. Attended the convention in Town Hall in forenoon & Edwards meeting house in afternoon & evening. Some 50 or more in from other towns. Brother Smith's wife, & 2 delegates from Westhampton, Francis and Joel Cook here to dinner. All but Louie remained over night.

Friday 23. Attended convention in forenoon. In afternoon, wrote letter to Col. Hooker, & one to Gen. Lyman Field of Lenox.

Saturday 24. Cold. Miss Ruth Granger, an old inmate of my grandfather's & father's family, came here to see us. She began to live with my grandfather in Oct. 1794, & lived there most of the time till his death in 1803. She was 66 last Sept.

Sunday 25. Mr. Hopkins (now of Saco) all day. Miss Ruth went with us to meeting in A.M. At Isaac Clark's in evening.

Monday 26. Rained last night & this forenoon. Had much talk with Miss Granger about my grandfather, & various other old matters.

Tuesday 27, Thursday 29. Saturday 31 } Remained at home these days
Wednesday 28, Friday 30 } on history & sawing wood, &c.

Cold. Thursday and Saturday morning the mercury down to 2 degrees above 0. Has not been any lower as yet this winter.

Miss Granger went to Southampton Tuesday.

[1836 has been a cold year. crops in N.E. except wheat & oats, very limited. Corn not half a crop. Rye short. Prices wheat 2.50, Rye 1.50, Corn 1.50, Oats 75. 0. 4. 1837

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Sunday 1. About two o'clock this morning, the dwelling house of Deac. Luther Clark was destroyed by fire - a serious calamity for the good deacon.

Mr. Fay preached all day. Some snow this morning. In evening, wrote a letter to Rev. N. Colver, Union Village N.Y.

Monday 2. More snow last night - now 6 or 8 inches deep.

Little sleighing this winter previous to this - an open winter till now.

About 11 o'clock Apphia started for Hartford in the stage. Let her have \$8.50 to buy gown, &c. & paid \$2.75 for stage fare.

Mr. Huntington's Note. Mr. H. owed me \$1000 for the Hamp. Gazette and interest 2 years, making \$1120. He paid me today as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| In Cash | 381.25 |
| W. A. Hawley's Note secured | 338.75 |
| | <hr/> \$720.00. |

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Leaving \$400 due on his note. Of the cash, I put in the Bank | 343.33 |
| I paid some small debts. Milk bill at Mrs Slater's | 37.92 |
| | <hr/> \$381.25 |

My postage bill for last quarter 4.27 (part for sons, pt for abolition.)

Two years have rolled away since I disposed of the Gazette. I do not regret that step. Indeed, I could not have retained it, and made it a thorough Whig-paper without violating my principles.

For two years past I have earned nothing but have spent considerable. I have read much. I find that I am more ready to change opinions & to adopt new principles or a modification of old ones than I was 20 or 25 years ago. Of those principles which are to be considered as settled, laid on the shelf & not to be taken down, I have but few. Of the philosophy of History, the politics, policy & motives of parties & individuals, I have read & thought much, & my views of men & things in past ages are very different from what they once were. The universal selfishness of men, and their regard to their own interests, even in those things in which they are praised as patriotic, liberal & just, are more & more impressed on my mind. Much, very much of the good in the world has been brought out of evil by an overruling Providence. Men have proposed schemes for their own aggrandizement, & God has often disposed of their plans for the general good, when they intended no such thing. The older I grow the less I regard those who have ruled this world & who continue to rule it. I feel little respect for great names; authority and prescription have but little influence with me.

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Tuesday 3. Cold. & good sleighing. Lent Timothy Clark \$100 from Bank.

Paid some debts.

Wednesday 4. Thermometer at sunrise 14 degrees below 0. [O.M. 19° below]
Cold excessive, of course. Sleighing excellent.

Thursday 5. Thermometer 10 or 11 deg. below 0 [O.M. 18° below]

Friday 6. Thermometer 12 deg. below 0. High wind P.M.

Wrote letter to Sylvester.

Saturday 7. Weather moderated. Snow some drifted.

Received letter from C. Parkman & Apphia at Hartford.

4 of my children are now at Hartford; 1 at Templeton;

2 at home. My family consists of 4.

Sunday 8. Mr. Smith (connexion of Thos. Shepherd) preached all day

Pleasant winter weather.

Monday 9. Pleasant. On History, Debts, Abolition &c.

Tuesday 10. W.A. Hawley paid me \$81 for C.P. Huntington.

Wednesday 11. Paid several debts, including about \$5.00 for Sylvester

Thursday 12. at Stoddard & Lathrops. S. & L. bill \$26.53.

Paid Flint's bill for doctoring Apphia \$20.

Preparing for abolition meeting.

Friday 13. Paid Doct. Mather. His bill for 4 years was \$20
viz. for my father in 1832 \$4, for Irene 1835 \$2 (she paid me) &
for myself 14 dollars.

Saturday 14. Cold. Thermometer 2 or 3 degrees below 0.

Sunday 15. Still colder. Mr. Rand (abolition agent) all day,
but he ought to have been at Williamsburgh. I had
a letter from Mr. Lusk of W. last evening & some
trouble. I wrote to Mr. Lusk this (Sunday) evening.

Monday 16. Milder weather. History & Wood Sawing & Abolition

Tuesday 17 do. do. do.

In the evening Mr. Scott arrived from Lowell and
& Mr. Colver, from Washington Co. N.Y. and there was
a meeting of abolitionists at J.P. Welliston's.

Wednesday 18. Annual Meeting of the Old Hampshire Anti-
Slavery Society in the old meeting house, 1st parish.

This meeting had given me much trouble and
some anxiety, but not that intense anxiety of the
meeting of last year. We now had no fear of violence,
no fear of a mob. I again took my seat on the
platform with the speakers. The day was fine,
though the morning was keen, & everything went on
as well as we could wish. The assembly was
not so large as last year, but still a pretty numerous
assembly. Our speakers did well.

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Wednesday 18. After a meeting to arrange matters for the day, at Mr. Williston's, we went to the meeting house about 11 O'clock. Rev. S. Backus & Palmer opened with prayer. Rev. ~~Orange Scott~~ ^{Scott} followed, in an address that lasted till adjournment at half past 12. Met again at half past one. Rev. Dr. Osgood of Springfield made the first speech, & Rev. Nathaniel Colver the next or main speech. Then meeting for business. In the evening another meeting. Mr. Scott, Mr. Rand, and Mr. Colver spoke. The latter was not a little sarcastic & facetious, Dr. Osgood & Mr. Rand made prayers. Thus the day passed away without any thing of importance to lament or regret. Thus far (can we say) the Lord hath helped us.

Mr. Scott staid with me Tuesday night & Mr. Backus, Wednesday night.

Thursday 19. Thermometer yesterday morning 4 deg. below 0. Thermometer this morning at 0.

Spent most of the fore noon with Mr. Colver at Mr. Williston's and heard him tell stories. He is a Baptist and Mr. Scott a Methodist; thus our principal speakers were of other denominations - not educated men, I presume, in the common meaning of that term, but self-educated, with strong minds, & well acquainted with human nature.

My old pastor, Rev. Enoch Hale, of Westhampton, died on Saturday last, & was buried on Wednesday. Owing to our meeting, I could not attend the funeral.

Friday 20. Thermometer at sunrise 0. Degrees below 0. Stood at 0. Adjusting abolition matters most of the day.

Saturday 21. On History, &c. Snow storm began.

Sunday 22. Last night was a stormy, windy night very tedious and boisterous. The quantity of snow fallen is not very great, but it is drifted very much. Professor Hitchcock preached to day. But few people at meeting - no paths trodden. I went all day. - Yesterday & this evening, I was occupied some hours in preparing an obituary notice of Rev. Enoch Hale. Rev. P. Williston wrote it, but it was so long, & particular, that I had to work it all over, & leave off nearly half.

Monday 23. Pleasant day. In the evening, Mr. Colver, from Washington Co. N.Y. (one of our speakers last week, a baptist minister) gave a lecture in the Town Hall on Slavery. The Hall was nearly full. He is a self-made man, taught in nature's school, & well fitted to interest an audience.

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Tuesday 24. Pleasant. Sleighing tolerable. Had considerable to do with Mr. Whitcomb, a Temperance Agent. In the evening, Mr. Colver again in the Town Hall. Dr. Osgood of Springfield happened to be here, took his seat with him & made a short address, though Mr. Colver was the main speaker. The Hall was crowded, & all apparently much interested.

I have received a letter from Rev. Mr. Husk. of Williamsburgh, in regard to our treatment of him, on Anti-Slavery Day. The President Mr. Ware, would not let him speak, even 10 minutes, so he says. He has been abused, I believe, for he was invited here to speak by me & by Mr. Ware also. I am sorry to see him so nettled, however.

Wednesday 25. Colder. Sent to Mr. Calhoun at Washington the petitions of Westhampton, against slavery in the District of Columbia. One signed by 122 males & one signed by 120 females.

Mr. Colver again in the evening; in the old meeting house. Rather cold.

Brilliant corruscations between 7 & 8 and after, in the heavens, all centering near the zenith. A large portion of a red or rosy color, which gave the snow and all nature a reddish appearance.

Thursday 26 Thermometer 13 deg. below 0. at sunrise.

Made Mr. Colver a farewell visit at Mr. Williston's and he departed for Amherst.

The abolition expenses for the meeting on Wednesday of last week & 3 evenings of this week were as follows:— Paid Mr. Colver \$22. Paid Mr. Scott \$12

Advertisements in N.H. & postage \$4.00. Paid horse keeping 1.88

Printing hymns 4.50. Cash paid for labor on platform 0.75

Handbills & distributing 3.00. Horse to Amherst 1.50 & tolls.

Lighting Hall &c. 67cts; Bellringer & care of m. house 1.00

Moses Bruck, labor on Platform, 2.67. Total 53.97

Paid as follows Contribution Wednesday last week. 24.02

Contribution Wednesday evg. this week 7.70

W. H. Stoddard \$1.00. Geo. Shepard 1.00. R. Hubbard 50c. S. Williams \$1. 3.50

In my hands before (see Oct 21. 1836) 3.00

I paid now 3.44. Isaac Cohen 3.44 6.88

Moses Bruck labor 2.67. J. P. Williston 6.20 (Bruck pt) 8.87

53.97

After this Chauncy Clark paid \$1.00. H. K. Starkweather 50c.
Elisha Graves " 1.00.

Col. Hooker came this afternoon. I was with him.

Received a letter from sister Sarah; she is at Brockport N.Y.

January 1837

Friday 27. Col. Hooker staid here last night. Was with him through the forenoon. About village in afternoon.

Thermometer this morning at sunrise 14 to 16 degrees below 0. — according to exposure, &c. A little colder than any morning this winter. Wrote to Wm. Clark Jr. Boston.

Saturday 28. Warmer. Some snow falling. Sent Abolition petitions from Southampton to McBethown — one with 152 names of males & one with 208 names of females. This day did what I never did before — shaved a note! in other words, I let a New York money-speculator have 500 dollars for 6 months for a note of \$537.30 payable at end of the 6 months — same as 1 1/4 percent per month for money, or 15 percent per annum. He will get probably 2 1/2 percent per month for same money.

Oren Kingsley in — agreed with him for 8 cords of wood hard, at 3 dollars per cord, 4 feet long — if part of it is white oak, ^{that} to be \$3.25 per cord — to be delivered before June.

Sunday 29. Pleasant. Mr Belden, a smart young man preached all day. Althea & Hannah, nieces, here at noon.

Monday 30. Hear that the people of Amherst, some of them, undertook to disturb an abolition meeting on Friday evening last, by firing a cannon, & shot off the hand of one of the disturbers! "He that diggeth a pit shall fall therein." About village — on abolition, &c.

Tuesday 31. Thaw. Some rain. Settled with W. A. Hawley. Mr. Colver called on his return from Leverett & Amherst. He gave us a history of his proceedings in those towns & an account of the cannon & the hand shot off. He feels pretty well; in fact he is at this time the "Lion of the Day", in this vicinity.

I got home a barrel of flour for which I paid \$13. —

February 1837

Wednesday 1

Thursday 2

Friday 3

Thaw. ~~Wednesday~~ Friday cold & pleasant. Employed on history, on my accounts, &c. Wrote a letter to Wm. Clark Jr. Boston, about H. T. Hooker's homestead. Sarah A. Edwards here looking out things to keep house. I was with her most all of Wednesday, at the shops, &c.

Saturday 4. Finished a long letter to sister Sarah. About village. On debts, &c.

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Sunday 5. A little snow. Mr. Hitchcock of Amherst all day.

Rev. Saul Clark of Egremont at his brother Timothy's. Went to meeting with me in forenoon. Exhorted in the Edwards Votry in the evening, & then visited with me till half past nine.

Monday 6. Thaw. Our Kingsley & cousin Samuel Edwards here.

High School for girls opened to-day. Pensioner has staid at home all winter till now. Hopkni attends the boys High School.

Tuesday 7. Temperance Convention in the Town Hall. County Total Society formed; I was chosen a director - ought not to have been, for though I am full in the cause, I do not wish to be a leader. Mr. Smith, of Middlefield here to dinner.

Long conversation with Mr. Hubbard of Amherst & others about abolition & temperance.

Fire! towards night. M. T. Moody's wadding & batting factory burnt.

Wednesday 8. Brothers Parsons & Johnson & wives here in afternoon and evening.

Thursday 9. Talk with Capt. Hale & others. In the evening a lecture on common schools by Mr. Lusk of Williamsburgh. After lecture, I had conversation with Mr. L.

Friday 10. Sent a petition, in regard to a resolution about abolition petitions, signed by people of Northampton to John D. Adams, Washington.

Theresa Lyman came from Amherst in evening.

Saturday 11. Settled accounts with E. Abbot. He owes me \$1.12.

Settled with him for rent of house from April 4 1836 to Sept. 17. 1836, when Daniel Kingsley bought it of Hunt.

I had paid Hunt & Abbot the rent, 5 mo. 12 days, \$27.83

I owe Kingsley for rent since Sept. 17. at rate of \$62 year.

Letter from Wm. Clark, Jr. representative at Boston.

Sunday 12 Mr. Curtis (husband of Mrs. Coolidge of Hadley) all day. A slim concern.

In evening wrote to Sylvester & to Wm Clark, Jr.

Monday 13. Windy and very cold. One of the most uncomfortable days of the present winter. Difficult to keep warm even by the fire.

Tuesday 14. Thermometer 4 degrees below 0. The weather cold enough but more disagreeable than cold.

Engaged in another money speculation. See next page

This has occupied most of 2 or 3 days.

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Tuesday 14 continued. Let George A. Dwight have 500 dollars to invest in some good stock in New York. Isaac Clark let him have \$1000 for same purpose. My 500 dollars - I took of Arcthusa's money \$111 ^{note} I borrowed of Isaac Clark 200 (paid) I took of my own money only 189 \$500.
Gave Mr. Clark my note for \$200 (settled May 1.)

Took Dwight's receipt for 500.

Wednesday 15. Convention about Common Schools met here in Town Hall, A.M. Unitarian Church P.M. and evening. I attended through the whole. Had three here to dinner. Capt. R. Hale, Mr. Chapin & Mr. Leisk. Sent off three petitions - one from Amherst to Mr. Grinnell, one from Cummington to Mr. Briggs at W. and one from Cummington to C.P. Huntington, Boston. All relative to slavery in district of Columbia, or to resolve of Congress on the subject of petitions.

A thawy day - considerable mud before night.

Thursday 16. Wrote a letter to Arcthusa.

Friday 17. Last night & to-day wind & snow; tedious weather. Letter from C. Parkman. Letter from Wm. Clark, Jr. at Boston.

Saturday 18. Clear, cold day. Good sleighing. Letter from Apphia. Letter from H.T. Hooker.

Gave Note to Ansel Wright for Sarah A. Edwards, for things she bought at auction \$35. 50 - payable 60 days from Jan'y 17.

Sunday 19. Mr. of Amherst-South Parish, all day. Pretty cold. In evening I went with Isaac Clark to Ch. Starkweather's & Samuel Clark's & Chauncey Clark's.

Monday 20. Weather moderated. Good sleighing. Eleazar Judd's daughter Anne T. wife of Asa Edwards, was buried to-day.

Tuesday 21. A snowy day. More fallen than at any other time this winter - but not heavy now. Wrote a letter to Wm. Clark, Jr.

Wednesday 22. Thawy but good sleighing. Wood teams & sleighs numerous. Much stirring.

Thursday 23. Another snowy day - snow is now pretty deep. Brother Smith & wife here. Sylvester arrived from Templeton in the evening. Brought about 100 dollars for his quarter.

Friday 24. Thawed some. Good sleighing. Took \$90 of Sylvester's money & put it in the N.H. Bank. Took up note Sylvester gave to Ham. Miss. Society. May 23d. 1835, which I signed as surety. I gave new note, myself as principal, (Sylvester having paid the note to me) for 25 dollars (dated to day. Sylw. paid all back interest.

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My father's Estate - what I have received from it.

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| 1833. Farming tools, &c. sold to O. Kingsley | 50.00 |
| " 1 yoke of Oxen #66 - 7 out for keeping, | 59.00 |
| " 276 lbs wool shorn in 1832 @ 52 ^{cts} | 143.52 |
| Wethers sold in fall of 1832 | 34.00 |
| " Produce - Rye #8. Clovered #4. Oats #18, corn #10 | 40.00 |
| " Hay #6. Hay in sheep barn #5. bider 5.75 | 16.75 |
| " Corn #3.00. Potatoes 7.50 | 10.50 |
| " Due to my father at merchants for flannel | 15.00 |
| " Wool shears in 1833 \$124.47. deduct shearing &c. \$10 | 114.47 |
| 1834 Sold waggon, harness & buffalo - for - | 20.00 |
| " butter #14. old mare \$5. own expenses | 19.00 |
| 1835. Old chaise | 7.50 |
| " Sold 96 sheep for \$144. Deduct summer keeping \$42 | 102.00 |
| | <u>631.74</u> |

Debts paid.

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| Note against Gains blank paid 1833. | 107.00 |
| Note " Wm. Phebe blank " " | 6.50 |
| Note " Asa Judd " 1834 | 24.60 |
| Note " Lewis Bartlett dated Jan. 1. 1831. | <u>9.20</u> - 147.30 |

Debts not paid

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| Note " John A. Judd. due on it Sept 1832 | 241.58 |
| Note " Eleazar Judd. " do | 143.00 |
| Note " Epideon Pomeroy " do | 23.00 |
| Note " Asahel Gough say | <u>200.00</u> - |
| | 754.88 |

Summary.

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| Personal estate beside notes, above, - | 631.74 |
| Notes above | <u>754.88</u> |
| Old Farm sold 1833 for | 3300.00 |
| Southampton Land. do | <u>900.00</u> - |
| | \$5586.52 |

This is exclusive of the real estate near the meeting house in Westhampton; also exclusive of my share of the furniture books & clothing, & 3 pews in meeting-house.

Deducting debts & legacies on the other side, 3200.23, and there remains a little short of 2400 dollars, beside the estate near meeting-house, &c.

February 1837.

My father's Estate. What I have paid out.

1833

Debts

Note due to Ruth Granger — 81.94
 " -- to Jedediah Chapman 29.45
 " " to Missionary Society 241.46
 Interest on do. previous years — 15.30
 Debt due to Simon Bruttin — 2.00
 " Dr. Flint \$17. Dr. Hooker \$12. 29.00
 " John Baker 1.54. S. Stearns 1.75 3.29
 " Sister Lyman — 171.02
 " J. Dr. Whitney — 9.50
 Westhampton Taxes 1832. 18.04
 do. Subscription for minister 28.00
 Southampton Taxes 1832 2.27
 Debt due to Oren Kingsley 42.00
 " " to Richard Hale 7.50
 " " to Herman Pomeroy 1.46
 Paid Ch. Clark, surveying old farm 6.00
 Dr. Mather's bill — 4.00
 1836 Grave Stones — 26.00

Debt due to Blackman, John 9.00
 727.23 — 727.23

Legacies.

to Sister Hannah Lyman 1350.00
 to " Sarah Hooker 730.00
 to Nephew S. J. Edwards — 163.00
 to " Nathl. Edwards 5.00
 to Niece C. Althea Wright — 5.00
 to " Hannah B. Edwards 80.00
 to " Sarah A. Edwards 80.00
 2413.00
 to Sister Sarah Hooker in addition — 60.00
 2473.00

2473.00
 3200.23

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Debts due to me.

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| Eliagar Judd, | 176.90. | May 2. 1836 |
| Eliagar Judd | 85.00 | May 1. 1835 |
| John A. Judd | 297.65 | May 2. 1836 |
| do do. for Rent &c | 40.00. | |
| Richard Hale | 21.25 | May 5. 1836 |
| Richard Hale, Rent 1836. | 115.00. | |
| Haley Judd & Co | 350.00 | May 1. 1834 |
| Asahel Gough say | 240.00 - | |
| Eileen Pomeroy | 27.43 | Aug 1. 1835 |
| Oren Kingsley 3 Notes | 1000.00. | May 1. 1836 |
| F. M. & R. Hubbard | 150.00 | Dec 10. 1836 |
| Benoni Clark | 300.00. | April 14. 1836 |
| C. P. & D. Huntington | 400.00. | Jan 1. 1837 |
| In Bank & Timo. Clark | 400.00. . . . | |
| W. A. Hawley (of G. P. H.) | 258.00. | |
| do do | 70.00. | |
| Laban Marcy | 24.66 | March 30 1836 |
| Nathan Stone | 32.29 | March 24. 1836 |
| Perez Smith & Son | 103.38. | March 3. 1834 |
| Jabez French | 32.00 | March 26 1835 |
| Eben. Hunt. (Gum ^{tree}) | 439.00 | principal |
| do - do - | 165.00 | simple Interest. |
| Son Sylvester 2 Notes | 180.00 | |
| Enoch Lyman & James | 220.00 | Oct 10. 1836. |
| Moddy, Roxie & Co 2 Notes | 300.00. | June & July. 1836 |
| | <u>5424.56</u> | |

These things attended Jan. 28. & Feb. 14.
 Lent Jan. 28. 500. Feb. 14. 1839. O. Kingsley, Note 30
 Some of it used viz 9. All this makes \$728.

Some small & some doubtful debts not included. Some of the above probably doubtful.

(July 14. 1837) X Note to Rodney Smith 20.00. for money I had of him. X Note to R. Smith Sept 19. 1837. 50.
 Feb 24. 1837 Note to Hamp. Miss. Soc. 25.00 " " " " X Note to do. Jan 1. 1838, 80
 (Note to R. Smith 150. Jan 1. 1838, instead of the above three notes. Interest paid to Jan 7. 1838. (See June 13. 1838)
This note paid May 7. 1839

Debts due from me.

I owe Sarah A. Edwards a little short of 600 dollars, & a few small debts.
 I owe some for house rent, &c.

I owe sister Arcthusa \$85.18 & interest from Sept. 10. 1835. I have note of Levi Brown & Horace B. Dimock in which \$100 was due May 3. 1836, to pay Arcthusa &c. This was a concern of Father Hall's estate.
 (Paid her June 3. 1837)

I am bound for Sylvester on a note of 25. to Hamp. Miss. Society dated May 23. 1835. Also on a note of 100. given to Mrs. Johnson of Hatfield Sept. 15. 1835. Also on a note to Arcthusa 80. Jan. 19. 1836.
 The three notes 205 & interest. Sylvester has since had of me 180 dollars.

Feb 24. Sylvester paid 25 dollar note & 34 dollars on 80 note to me.
 (1839 April 24. Sylvester settled all his debts. See April 4. 1839.) X I paid note to Arcthusa
 X Note to Mrs. Johnson not paid

February, 1837.

Saturday 25. Pleasant Day. About village. Letter from C. P. Huntington.

I weighed yesterday 168 pounds - never weighed much more, if any, at anytime of life.

Sunday 26. Pleasant. Dr. Brown of Hadley all day.

Monday 27. Pleasant. Rain in evening

Tuesday 28. Cold & some snow flying. Letter from Wm. Clark, Jr. Wrote to Col. Hooker. & H. T. Hooker.

March 1837

Wednesday 1. Cold - little or no thawing. In afternoon I rode with Luther Edwards to Easthampton, to see sister Lyman. She is down with the canker-rash, but some better. I walked in, in the evening - stopped at Chauncy Clark's, Mr. Whitcomb, the Temperance Agent, at C. Clark's. Sleighing very good.

Thursday 2. Thermometers at sunrise from 7 to 13 degrees below 0, according to exposure, &c. A bitter-cold day.

Friday 3. Thermometers at 0 & a few degrees above. Snow 2 feet 0.48

Saturday 4. Thermometers at 2 degrees below 0. & some a few degrees lower. The Democrats had a public dinner, addresses, &c. because Van Buren was chosen president, I suppose. The cannon was fired & bells rung till we were ~~stunned~~ with the noise. It was intolerable to me. It was Pension Day also, and the sleighing being good, the village was pretty full of people. I did not attend the dinner nor any thing connected with it. Towards night, son J. Walker & his wife & Apphia arrived from Hartford in a sleigh. Hall, I learn, has left Mr. Birge's store, where he has been 8 or 9 months, and is again with J. W. in the employ of Andrews, Judd, &c. The week past has been severely cold for March, last days of February. It has thawed a little about the middle of the day, and but a little.

Sunday 5. Cold. Tutor Park preached all day. In the evening Mr. E. Graves & wife & Isaac Clark were here.

Monday 6. Thermometer about 0. Rode about the village with J. Walker. After tea, I and wife, J. W. & wife & Peninnah rode out to T. W. Sheppard's at Silk Factory. Returned before 8 o'clock, & some of us made a short visit at E. Graves. Sylvester left us to-day for Greenfield, & to go thence to Templeton tomorrow. His second term will begin Wednesday.

Sylvester paid me 90 dollars when he arrived. This was applied as follows: His note to Hamp. Miss. Society paid \$25. Indorsed on note to me \$34. He owed J. C. Clark for suit out of \$20, & D. Kingsley for making &c. \$9. I paid him back \$2.00. Total 90 dollars.

March 1837

Tuesday 7. Weather has moderated. J. W. & his wife & mother, and Apphia & Hephni went to Westhampton. Took up a bill at the store, \$39.52. Returned towards night.

Wednesday 8. Some rain; snow dissolving. J. W. & wife & Apphia sat out for Hartford this morning.

Mr. Buel, classmate of Sylvester, here to dinner.

I finished a letter to C. Parkman, Yale College. and enclosed in it \$10.

Thursday 9. Rainy. Wrote a letter to Solomon Judd of South Coventry. Also, to Levi Osborn of Danbury, with a dollar bill enclosed to pay the Register of Probate for some information in relation to Judd's.

Friday 10. Fair. Growing warmer. Water runs merrily in the streets.

Saturday 11. Fair. Not so warm.

Sunday 12. Fair. Still thawing. Dr. Osgood of Springfield all day.

Letter to Amos Dresser in the evening. Saw Edward Hooker at the post office.

Monday 13. Rainy. Pierce & Lee owed me \$22.60 when they failed. On Saturday last, I received of Wm. Swan in Goods \$11.30 or one half the debt, and discharged the whole.

Tuesday 14. Colder, but thaws much. Was at Tottotal Meeting in Evening.

Wednesday 15. Colder. Went to South Street to see the house of Mrs. Jos. Strong. It was sold at auction P.M. that is, one half of it for \$486. I did not bid.

Thursday 16. Colder. Thaws some. In the Evening, Amos Dresser made an address on Slavery in Town Hall. Hall crowded.

Friday 17. Attending some to H. T. Hooker's affairs.

Saturday 18. Attending to the same. all the forenoon with Sam. Williams. Rained some towards night. J. W. Little called here.

Sunday 19. Cold, windy day. Professor Hitchcock all day. George Shepard's boy buried after meeting.

I was at Isaac Clunk's (Mrs. Dewey's) in the evening

Monday 20. Bought half a fat pig of Samuel Williams weight 106 $\frac{3}{4}$ pounds at 11 cents = \$11.74. Paid him down. The highest price ever paid for fresh pork.

Town Meeting to day. I did not go near.

Tuesday 21. Employed on family histories. In evening went up to Bros. Lyman's to see aunt Clark, who is sick there.

Wednesday 22. A little rain & hail. Paid Mrs. E. Graves her milk bill for about 80 days. — 44 quarts at 5 cents — \$2.20

Letter from Apphia at Hartford & Sylvester at Templeton.

Thursday 23. Sloppy under feet.

Yesterday meadow land sold higher than ever before. In Old Rainbow \$193 per acre. Plough land, some at over \$160.

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Friday 24. The travelling muddy & horribly bad.

In afternoon, I made a visit to aunt Clarissa Edwards & her daughter Clarissa, on Round Hill.

About 11 o'clock at night, Aunt Sarah Clark died at Thomas Lyman's. Cousin Timothy Clark & wife being sick, aunt went to Mr. Lyman's to stay a few days. She was taken more unwell last Sunday. She had a fever, & cough, with much phlegm in the throat, felt a general uneasiness & distress but no local pain. Was as well apparently at 9 o'clock as for a day or two previous, but at 11 she sunk away & died without any struggle. She was in her 82d year.

Aunt Clark was a kind-hearted woman, & never spoke against any body. She came here with her son almost 2 years ago. She has failed fast since she came here, and for several months past, she has had no reason; her mind was a complete wreck. If she had lucid intervals, they were very short. Her bodily health seemed to be good generally, previous to Sunday last.

Saturday 25. I rode to Southampton in a waggon for cousin Timothy Clark, to get grave dug, & arrange matters for the funeral of his mother. Stopped at sister Lyman's in Easthampton & at Asa Judd's in Southampton, at burying ground, Mr. White's, &c. The travelling is horrid. I never rode 8 or 9 miles in so bad travelling in my life, in this vicinity. Was all of 3 hours on the road each way. Heard two or three sorts of birds sing - the first I have heard this spring. Considerable snow in places, but the greater part of the land is bare here in the valley. Much snow on the hills. North side of Mt. Holyoke is all white.

Sunday 26. In the morning assisted cousin Timothy to remove the body of his mother from Mr. Lyman's to his house. Mr. Rand preached all day. In the Evening John W. Little delivered an address in the Town Hall, on Moral Reform, or the 7th Commandment. Hall very full, of both sexes.

Monday 27. Rode to Southampton in a carriage with the family of cousin Timothy & himself. The body of his mother was conveyed to a house opposite the burying-ground (formerly Dr. Rust's), and there we stopped. Mr. White made a prayer, & the body was then carried to the grave by the side of her husband. Many of the Southampton people were there. We arrived there at half past 1, left at 4, and reached home at 6. Thus has another of my grandfather's children gone to her rest. 4 are dead and 3 are still living.

Letter from C. Parkman at New Haven - & one from J. Walker at Philadelphia

Tuesday 28. Court Week. Cousin Warham Burt and Oren Kingsley here to stay over night. Wrote to Hall

March 1837.

Wednesday 29. In money matters with G. A. Dwight most of the day. Examined Records of Deeds in relation to Asahel Gough & Cousin Timothy's in evening.

Thursday 30. Colder. Col. Hooker here to dinner - was round at several places with him. Letter from Sylvester.

Friday 31. Heard a robin this morning - the first this season. Wrote a long letter to Samuel H. Parsons of Newtown, Pa. in reply to his inquiries respecting his ancestors in this town. He is a descendant of Moses Parsons, who settled in Durham.

April 1837

Saturday 1. Rained last night & this forenoon.

Sunday 2. I had bad cold - staid at home. Dr. Osgood of Sp. preached.

Monday 3. Pleasant but cold. Rain of Saturday was snow on the Hills. Paid postage bill for last quarter \$5.15. Too much for a man doing no business.

Tuesday 4. Family preparing for moving. Wrote a letter to Rev. S. E. Dwight, New York and one to Samuel Judd, New York, by G. A. Dwight. Mr. Withington, an orthodox preacher, & a radical reformer called here to day. An odd fish, but apparently an honest, capable man.

Wednesday 5. Pleasant Day. License days yesterday & to-day. Wrote to Sylvester.

Thursday 6. Fast-day. Mr. Mitchell preached to both Societies in old meeting house A.M. and in Edwards Church P.M. A good number attended - Edwards Church was full. At cousin Timothy Clark's in Evening.

Friday 7. Pleasant.

Saturday 8. Heavy rain last night & this forenoon. Thunder with it. Wrote letters to A. Bryant, Buffalo, Edmund Clark, Clearfield, and Dr. H. M. Wells, Attica. In afternoon began to remove my wood - interrupted by rain.

Sunday 9. No minister in forenoon. Deac. Israel Clark prays and Deac. E. Williams read a sermon. In afternoon M. Smith of St. Albans, a native of Hadley, preached. Isaac Clark here in evening.

Monday 10. I removed to the house of George Shepard, one half of it. The expense of removing was about 7 dollars, but about 3 of it was for removing wood. We were all tired out - only 4 of us, Myself, wife, Hophni, Peninnah.

Tuesday 11. Employed all day in putting things to their places - especially books. I have probably over half a ton of books. My wood is about 6 cords, or 7 cords. Great noise about scarcity of money, failures &c in the cities.

April 1837

- Wednesday 12. Pleasant. Adjusting things to the house, &c.
 Paid \$50, which E. H. Hooker put in my hands, to take up a note which H. J. Hooker gave to Samuel Billings of Hardwick for \$100. I obtained the note \$100 for the \$50. Letter from Sylvester.
- Thursday 13. Pleasant. Good travelling here but much snow to be seen on the hills. Piling up wood, &c. Wrote a letter to Charles Clark, N.Y. about money matters.
- Friday 14. Splitting & piling wood with Hephni most of the day. Some rain and hail.
- Saturday 15. About village. Called to see Lemuel Clark who will not live long.
- Sunday 16. Mr. Phoenix preached all day. Mr. Shepard's little boy, in the house where Sam, died this forenoon. He was attacked by the canker-rash, on Monday night, & cut down in less than 6 days. Wrote to Apphia in the evening.
- Monday 17. Town meeting & parish meeting. I did not attend either. Funeral of Mr. Shepard's boy at 4 P.M. Letter from Ch. Clark, N. York. Letter from George A. Dwight enclosing 5 shares of the Providence & Boston Rail Road. Purchased April 14th. They cost 94 per share or \$470, being 6 per cent below par. This is all I have as yet received from the money Mr. Dwight took of me Feb. 14, two months ago, viz \$500.
- Tuesday 18. Not much.
- Wednesday 19. Auction of Wm Clark's land, &c
- Thursday 20. Sent to Charles Clark, New York, a draft for \$500 from N. H. Bank, with directions to purchase a post-note or 5 shares of Boston & Prov. Rail Road Co. Paid \$2.50 or half per cent for the draft. Towards night Hall & Apphia arrived from Hartford, Hall with a felon on his finger. In the evening Arithusa arrived from Bangor and Boston
- Friday 21. Weather cool.
- Saturday 22. Cool, & has been for weeks. But little green grass to be seen, and no green leaves. Paid Daniel Kingsley (the present owner of the Hunt house) for rent from Sept 17. 1836 to April 10. 1837, \$34.88. Also his bill against Sylvester \$9. Sent to Cincinnati \$10 for 5 subscribers to *Christianity* for present year. T. Shepherd, Postmaster, enclosed it & franked the letter. Samuel Parsons owes me \$2 for his ^{Paul} Rest have paid. Sylvester arrived from Templeton about 11 o'clock in the evening. Owing to the disclosures in reference to conduct of Rev. L. P. Bates, & other things, he kept only half the term.

April 1837

Sunday 23. I am this day 48 years old.

Mr. Phenix preached all day.

Monday 24. Still cold.

Tuesday 25. Same. Vegetation advances little or none.

Put account of \$4.50 against Asiel Blodget into hands of Mark Doolittle (He paid it).

Wednesday 26. Rode to Westhampton with Charnsey Clark - went to Oren Kingsley's - spent the day in running lines south side of Kingsley's farm, partly in reference to a piece of land I expected to purchase of A. Gouch.

Thursday 27. Aided in establishing lines on the east side of Kingsley's farm, with C. Clark & others. In the afternoon rode over to the middle of the town.

Friday 28. Settled with Capt. Hale. Took his note for \$109.18. He owed me \$115 for use of my land in 1836 but his account against me for labor & wood was \$5.82.

Settled with John A. Judd. His account for goods was \$77.09. He owed me as follows:-

Rent of my house 3 yrs, 1834, 1835, 1836 to May 1837 at 15 dollars \$45.00

Rent of store for year ending March 15, 1837. 20.00

Ton of hay in winter of 1835-6 15.00 } - 12.00
(Excess for manure 3.00)

Share of my father's sold to Mr. Wales \$77.00

John paid me 99 cents & balanced the acct. 78.00
with him & with Hale, Judd & Co

Had much talk with A. Chapman about purchasing my place. Did not make a bargain. Visited at Mr. Chapin's, in evening went down to Brother Parsons'. Mr. Chapin will preach his last sermon in Westhampton next sabbath.

Saturday 29. Came to Northampton - walked about half the way. Weather. On Wednesday there was very little green in N. H. or W. H. Thursday was warmer, and also Friday. Saturday is a spring-like day. The season is very backward. No grass in the pastures, except in rich spots, & almost every thing is still brown, but changing color. No leaves on the trees of any kind, except willows, soft maples, & some things of that sort.

Dry & dusty. Mr. Buell here to see Sylvester.

Sunday 30. Mr. Mason (late of Goshen) preached. Leaves of lilack open. Elms begin to look a little green.

April, a cold unpleasant month. O. H.

May 1837

Monday 1. Rained last night. Cold to day. Hall left us for Hartford. Hampshire & Northampton Bank united to day. I took 10 shares, and was to pay \$105 per share - one half to be paid to day, May 1. and one half July 1. I paid the half, 525 dollars, as follows:

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| cash received of C. P. Huntington | \$100 | |
| " borrowed of Arcthesa | 173 | settled June 3. |
| " received of Sylvester | 40 | paid him \$10.46, \$5.00 Feb. Aug 19. \$23. Aug 28. (all paid) |
| " of Isaac Clark, 1/2 of 3 shares | 157.50 | |
| " borrowed at Bank | 97.50 | |
| | <u>525.00</u> | |

I borrowed at the Bank this day \$172.28, viz Note for \$175 payable in 90 days. Interest for 93 days 2.72, taken out. Isaac Clark, surety. Of the above bank money. 172.28, \$97.50 went as above, part went to pay debt I owed Isaac Clark, & is included in the above 157.50 viz \$57.50 - and remainder \$22.28 is reserved for J. C. Clark, &c.

Isaac Clark is to have 3 of the 10 bank shares, and is to pay the other half, 157.50 on 1st of July.

I paid this day my note given to Isaac Clark for \$200 Feb. 14, 1837, and interest \$2.50. Also paid J. C. Clark \$20 for his account against Sylvester.

Tuesday 2. Froze hard last night. Cold to day. Wrote to Col. Hooker.

Wednesday 3. Still cold. Most of the talk now-a-days is about the hard times, scarcity of money, failures in the cities, &c. I have lived through several of these money pressures occasioned by over-trading, over-banking, &c. viz in 1819, 1825, & the panic of 1833-4, but neither of these was so severe as the present. That of 1819 was the worst of the three.

Thursday 4. Long talk with Anson Chapman about sale of my place. Accomplished nothing.

Friday 5. Visited Old Rainbow, &c. with Thos. Shephard & Chauncey Clark. Thunder showers in afternoon & evening. Received letter from S. M. Allen, N. Y. (same as Charles Clark) enclosing 5 shares Boston & Providence Rail Road and \$42 in money. These 5 shares cost me in all as follows:

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| 5 shares at \$91 | \$455 | } \$458, + 42 returned = \$500 |
| Paid Allen's Commission | 2.25 | |
| " Postage on their letter | 75 | |
| " for draft, to N. H. Bank. | 2.50 | |
| " for postage on 2 letters to Charles Clark & 1 from him | 56 | |

461.06. - besides interest on the money nearly two months before I sent it - about 5 dollars more. So the shares, in reality cost a little over \$93 a share, or 466 dollars. Date of certificate May 2. Purchase made April 28.

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- Saturday 6. The rain of last night makes grass look quite green.
 Apple & forest trees not yet green.
 Letter from Col. Hooker at Westhampton. There is trouble.
 Most of the talk every day is about money-pressure,
 Depreciation of property, banks, failures, &c.
 Long conversation with Wm. Clark, Jr. about H. T. Hooker's
 place. Another letter from Col. Hooker at Westfield.
- Sunday 7. Cool. Mr. Phenix preached.
 In evening wrote letter to Col. Hooker.
 Mr. Witherington, the radical, preached at Edwards Church,
 & held forth in the evening.
- Monday 8. Cool. Walked out to brother Parsons' over 6 miles
 from 5 to 7 P.M.
- Tuesday 9. Went to middle of town by way of Jesse Lyman's.
 Talked with Anson Chapman about purchasing
 my place - ~~Differed~~ about time of payment.
- Wednesday 10. } Spent these days at the centre, mostly occupied
 Thursday 11 } in the affairs of Capt. Hale & Hale, Judd & Co.
 Friday 12 } but was at Owen Kingsley's one night.
- Saturday 13. Capt. Hale's affairs becoming desperate, it became
 necessary to separate him from the others so
 that they need not be involved in his fall.
 I continued to talk with Chapman about my place.
 The weather was warmer, & trees & grain advanced
 considerably. Blossoms on the English cherry on
 Friday. I walked in Saturday evening all
 the way, about 8 miles; reached home after 12.
- Sunday 14. Mr. Phenix preached. Mr. Frost delivered a
 Temperance lecture in the evening.
- Monday 15. Sister Lyman here with George's note against
 Capt. Hale, to be secured. I was employed in
 my own, George Lyman's & other affairs
 connected with Capt. Hale. An anxious day.
 Rode out in the evening with Levi Burt.
 Did not shut my eyes to sleep that night
 but was employed in making out mortgages,
 sales, &c. of Capt. Hale's property. Cousin
 John A. was with me, some of the time also
 Philatus Hale & Capt. Richard Hale. It rained
 all night, & it was to me attended with much
 anxiety. Capt. Hale is a good man, but a mis-
 erable calculator, & full of airy castles.
 The Bank suspended specie payment on Saturday last.

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Tuesday 16. We completed the writings, &c. this morning and Capt. Hale went to Northampton and assigned his property, but most of it had been previously mortgaged to secure debts. We were all jaded out & cousin John A. almost sick. It rained hard most of the time through the day.

I this Day sold to Anson Chapman my homestead, store & lands in Northampton for 25,00 dollars, payable 500 dollars a year for 5 years, with annual interest. It was a low price, but I must either sell or live on the place, & I could not make up my mind to do the latter. I did not part with this property without painful emotions. In this store I had spent most of my time from 1802 to 1822 when I came to Northampton. The house & barn were built in 1814, and I lived in the house from January 1815 to April 1822. I had expended much money & labor on the buildings, fences, lands, trees, &c. The sowings now bear rich crops, there is an abundance of good fruit on trees which I procured & nurtured, the door yard is richly decorated with trees, &c. Here also my father resided over 10 years, here he died; indeed the recollection of him was my strongest, tenderest, association with the house, store, &c. Here also my little Hopkin breathed his last. I closed my heart & thoughts as well as I could, and wrote a deed to Chapman, & a mortgage back to myself. "This world is all a fleeting show," &c.

Wednesday 17. Rode with cousin John A. over to Oren Kingsley; sent down & got up Gouch to complete the deed to me of 12 1/10 acres of land for which I gave him \$145.20. and \$4 for fence, making \$149.20. Indorsed \$119.50 on his note, and am to pay Hale Judd of 28.50 which he owed them, & he owed me \$1.20 - so all was 149.20. When we returned, we found Col. Hooker at the centre. He brought me almost to Northampton, and I reached home before night. A flood on the meadows.

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Thursday 18. My Westhampton Farm—

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| Cost. Lot that house stands on cost | 198 | in 1813 |
| Lot that store stands on ^{about 400} _{sold off 140} | 260 | in 1817 |
| Lot back of Meeting house | 228 | in 1813 |
| Woodlot & pasture by Bakers | 600 | in 1813 |
| | 1266 | |

The lot by Bakers cost 100 dollars more than ~~it was then~~
it was then worth, & more than it ever ~~at all~~ ^{at all} worth since.
It cost about 26 dollars an acre,

My house, barn, &c. cost over 2000 dollars in 1814.
I afterwards laid out considerable & my father ~~some~~ more
on chambers, &c. and my father built two
additions to the barn.

I expended on trees, dooryard, fences, and in manuring
and improving the land, over 300 dollars.

My father also expended some on fences, &c.

The store was worth 300 dollars or more 20 years
ago—perhaps 150 dollars now.

The lands, that is, the two moorings are worth intrin-
sically at least ~~2~~ ^{2 1/2} times what they were 20 years ago
perhaps 3 times, and the good fruit is worth 10 times
what it was then; indeed there was none then.

What cost 4000 dollars has been sold for 2500.

When my father bought the land in 1813, I was opposed to his
buying so much, if any. In respect to building, I was
also opposed to building so large a house, but I gave up
my opinion. The sacrifice now is on the buildings
& not on the lands (except the lot by Bakers.)

My father expended on the buildings on
his ~~old~~ farm about 2000 dollars, and as
much more for me, and nearly the whole
of this 4000 dollars has been sacrificed—
perhaps 800 dollars have been saved.

My father was attached to Westhampton and estimated
the lands, &c. much higher than I did. No man
should build expensive buildings in such a place.
I have a good opinion of the people of Westhampton
but not of the soil.

I obtained for my promissums about as follows:—

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| Lot by store 4 acres and the store say | \$700 |
| Lot by house $3\frac{1}{4}$ " and house & barn | 1050 |
| Lot by Bakers " " | 450 |
| Lot Back of meeting House | 300 |
| | <u>\$2500 -</u> |

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Thursday 18. Today I and Arthur & Apphia, and Doct. Sunstead & his daughter walked over the aqueduct to South Street, & thence to Mr. Whitmarsh's grounds, and continued to the bank of the meadow. The south meadow was mostly under water & much of the north meadow. Dr. Sunstead is an Englishman, with whom I became acquainted at New Haven last year. He & his family are now at the mansion house. Wrote to Col. Hooker and received a letter from him. Wm. Clark Jr paid me \$200 towards H. T. Hooker's place on King Street.

Rail Road Stock — Received a Note of George Est. Dwight to balance the money he had of me Feb. 14. (See Feb. 14. and April 17.) (Note dated April 5.)

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| 5 shares cost at 94 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 470 | (bought April 14.) |
| Paid to get N. York money 1 punct. | + 5 | |
| " Brokerage | 1.17 | |
| Note dated April 3 | 38. 67 | |
| | 514. 84 | |

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| I let him have Feb 14 | \$500 |
| He allowed interest 2 months at 2 punct. amo. 7 | 14.84 |
| on 495 $\frac{1}{2}$ | \$514.84 |

Friday 19. A rainy Day. Bad weather for farmers. The water is on the meadows, & uplands are too wet to sow & plant.

George Lyman here. In the evening I attended Mr Frost's Temperance Lecture.

The state of the times, the suspension of specie payments by the banks, the measures of the government, &c. — these are the topics of conversation every where. Pecuniary matters occupy the attention so much that there is little time to attend to moral subjects.

Saturday 20. Anson Chapman in — gave him his deed & he gave me a mortgage.

Sylvester & Parkman arrived from Hartford in the evening. Sarah A. Edwards also here.

Sunday 21. Mr Dey, a young man, preached.

In the evening Isaac Clark & I went to Geo. Cook's to see L. Anne Clarke, recently returned from Buffalo. She is intelligent, but having lectured so much, she is rather forward & masculine in her appearance.

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Monday 22. C. Parfman left us for Hartford this morning.
I gave him \$15.00 to pay up his bills at New Haven, &c.
Spent several hours to day evening with Rev.
Josiah Clark, of Rutland, at Mrs. Dewey's & also here.
Cold & some rain.

The first blossoms on apple trees observed to day.
Every thing backward except grass, & much of the meadow
still under water.

David Montague's house (latey Amasa Strong's) burnt at W.H.
on Saturday night. Much talk there & there today
as if he had set it on fire himself. He had insured it
at the Mutual for two or three times its value.

Tuesday 23. Pleasant. In evening at Mrs. Dewey's with the
Clarks.

Wednesday 24. Spent most of the day with Rev. Josiah Clark -
visited many families & places with him. In the
evening, was at Chauncey Clark's. Keen disputing.
Sylvester, Hophni, &c. planted the garden.
Rain again towards night.

Thursday 25. Rainy day. Sent Note & account against Dr. Ansel
Moody to Osmyn Baker, Esq. Amherst. [He collected & paid me.]
Gloomy weather for farmers.

In the evening, attended a total Temperance
Meeting to organize a Society. Mr. Mitchel disliked
the phraseology of the pledge, & after much talk, we
adjourned to Thursday next.

Friday 26. Cold & unpleasant. The water has left the meadows, but
the ploughed ground is in a bad state.
Paid postage bill since April 1st, \$1.79. Cash for postage, now.

Saturday 27. Sunshine, but not warm.

Wrote to W. C. Rice, Troy - to T. Everett, Phil. Napoli, N.Y.

Sent bill to Geo. Edwards, Batavia.

In the evening, called to see Mr. Colver & his daughter at
Mr. Williston's. He is on the way to the Anti-Slavery
Convention, Boston.

Sunday 28. We tried to get Mr. Colver into one of the pulpits this
forenoon, but could not get admittance for him. He
went to Amherst & preached afternoon, & lectured in evening
Professor Hitchcock preached here.

In evening went with Isaac Clark to Round Hill
and called upon Mrs. Dwight, wife of Geo. A. Dwight.
Found that my aunt Clarina Edwards
had gone - she left the Hill & went to Norwich last week.

May 1837

Monday 29. Considerable frost last night. Pleasant but cold to-day.
 Grass looks well but every thing else is backward.
 Apple-trees not yet in full blossom - not far from it however.
 In the afternoon, I attended the funeral of Lemuel Clark, an excellent man, whom I used to visit.
 J. Walker & Parkman arrived from Hartford in the evening. — I wrote a short obituary notice of Mr. Clark for the papers.

Tuesday 30. Warmer. A ball playing day for the boys.
 Another Temperance Meeting in the evening.
 We organized a Teetotal Society.

Wednesday 31. Still warmer. In afternoon rode over to Hockanum with J. W. & Wife. Brother Parsons, & wife & Arthusa went also.
 Paid (to Parsons) \$1.88 which I owed Johnson for meat & eggs.

JUNE 1837.

Thursday 1. My 4 sons, J. M. S. C. P. & H. went to fishing up at School Meadows, Hadley. They caught but little.
 Heavy thunder-shower in the afternoon.

George Lyman, Theresa Lyman & Sarah A. Edwards here. I signed a note as surety for George, at the Bank for \$50 - payable in 60 days. [It was paid.]
 In the evening, attended Mr. Brooks lecture on Prussian Education at Edwards Meeting-house.
 There is not a little fallacy on this subject.

Friday 2. More rain & thunder to-day. Rode with J. Walker to Round Hill & to Paper Mill.
 C. P. Huntington paid me \$309.50, it being the whole of the balance due to me from him for the Gazette establishment.

Another lecture from Mr. Brooks in the evening.

Saturday 3. Had a settlement with sister Arthusa. Paid her all I owed her, except the note which I signed as surety for Sylvester. She gave up all right to Rail Road shares and I allowed her 15 Dollars for her right in the shares or for use of \$228.81 since Feb 14 to 21. last about 3½ months. So I now have the 10 shares to myself.

I owed her on note given Sept 10. 1835. 93.69. (Interest only to day 10)

Borrowed of her \$1. to pay Bank 143.60 - (No interest)

Rec. of her money in February 111.07 } as above - 228.81
 Do 117.74 }

Allowed her on this money, or her right in } 15.00

Rail Road shares, bought with it, as above } \$450.50.

This day paid her \$450.50, & to do it took \$100 of money in my hands paid by Wm. Clark Jr for C. P. Hooker May 18.

June 1837

- Saturday 3. J. W. started for Hartford about noon, having been here since Monday. Some Rain in the evening, almost incessant lightning for an hour or two.
- Sunday 4. I went Edwards Church in forenoon. Mr. Condit of South Hadley preached. In the afternoon at old place. Mr. Erastus Hopkins preached. In the evening at Mrs (Luke) Phelps'. & cousin Timothy's.
- Monday 5. Cool & pleasant.
- Tuesday 6. Pleasant. Commissioners Court & Probate Court and Mutual Insurance meeting brought in many people. I wrote 6 letters to Whately, & sent 3 bills - and 5 letters to Easthampton & Southamptown, & a letter to E. B. Bennett Albany. Also letter to C. Hooker - to Isaac Scott. Much talk about Montague's house burnt - suspicious strong against him.
- Wednesday 7. Pleasant.
- Thursday 8. Pleasant but cloudy. Attended to debts. Wrote to S. P. Fitch, U. Gore, Peru, Vt. N. W. Barnes & Ralph Clapp. Westhampton Taxes - for 1837. { Town & County 13.20. Anson Chapman is to pay this and also Highway tax - Highway Tax for last year \$3.28. I am to pay. (Paid March 6. 1838) Northampton Taxes for 1837. { Town & County 22.42 paid Jan 2. 38 Parish 11.81 (paid July 5 38) Town tax \$5.88 on 1000. made on 3500. \$20.58. add poll 1.84 = 22.42.
- Friday 9. I was attending to my debts most of the day. Took a new note \$630 of E. W. Hunt of Cummington & took a mortgage of his farm for security. He owes me \$10.38 over & above the 630 dollars. Over Kingsley here. Gave him a deed of the land I bought of Gough, & took his note for 118.70 dated May 6.
- Saturday 10. Cold & cloudy. About my debts.
- Sunday 11. Rev. Eliakim Phelps preached.
- Monday 12. About debts. In afternoon, rode out to Roberts Meadows with Mr. Hubbard.
- Tuesday 13. Cool & pleasant. Attending to old debts, &c. Letters to Wm. Ward, Worthington, S. D. Ward, Hadley, Obadiah Graves, Lee. Sylvester started off on foot in the afternoon, ostensibly for Hartford. He is in an uneasy state - Gave Note \$9.50 to Ch. Clarke for a bbl. of third rate flour. (paid)
- Wednesday 14. Cloudy in morning. Became a warm, pleasant day. John A. Judd & Eleazar Judd here. I signed note to the Bank with them for \$100 - payable 90 days. (paid) Paid milk bill to Dr. Mather \$1.65. Wrote to W. Henry, Chester, Vt. Received yesterday 3 of Fenner for H. T. Hooker, or Edw. Hooker

June 1837

- Wednesday 14. In the evening, Mr. Birney, from Cincinnati lectured on Abolition in Edwards Meeting house. Brother Smith & wife here to tea. George Lyman here, & remained over night.
- Thursday 15. Visited Mr. Birney with others, at Mr W. H. Stoddards, in forenoon. Various matters in afternoon. Began to have milk of Daniel Kingsley.
- Friday 16. Foggy in morning. Much cloudy weather. Fire comfortable in the evening. Received \$50 of Clark Bridgman on his note. Wrote to Rev. M. M. Hunt Amherst, in reply to his.
- Saturday 17. Cloudy & rainy & cool in the morning, & through the day. In the evening we had a good fire & all gathered round it.
- Sunday 18. Cool & pleasant. Mr. Niles of --- preached all day.
- Monday 19. Warmer, but not very warm. I was on History of Providence. In the evening, J. W. wife & child, & Sylvester arrived from Hartford.
- Tuesday 20. Heavy rain, most of the day. Sarah A. Edwards was married this forenoon (to Emerson Bates). The children had intended to go out to the wedding, but the rain prevented. J. W. did not harness his horses till sundown, & then had a little ride about the village. I paid today 75 cents per bushel for oats.
- Wednesday 21. Pleasant ~~and~~ warmer. Cloudy in afternoon, and Rain towards night. 4 sons & grandson went to S. Hadley in afternoon. In evening I attended a meeting in Town Hall against the Dogs. A girl was lately bitten by a mad dog in W. Springfield. S. J. Edwards called here.
- Thursday 22. Pleasant in afternoon. J. W. wife & child started for Hartford at noon.
- Friday 23. Warm day - something unusual this season. On history.
- Saturday 24. Warm & cloudy. On History.
- Sunday 25. Mr. Hubbard (Schoolmaster) preached. I staid at home in afternoon. Warm & smoky. In evening, gave Rev. J. H. Breck a bill against Edmund Clark, of Cleveland, Ohio, for \$11.25 - to collect & send to me. [Paid.]
- Monday 26. Smoky Day. Letter from Dr. H. M. Wells, of Attica, N. Y. Dated June 21. He promises to pay me in 4 months.
- Tuesday 27. Smoky but some rain towards night. Wrote to Selectmen of Whately. [Paid.]
- Wednesday 28. Rode with Oliver Warner to his house - after dinner went to Horse Mountain with him. Ascended to the top of the mountain & had a fine prospect.

June 1837

Thursday 29. Cloudy most of day. I wrote a letter to brother & sister Hooker at Brockport. Mr. Drury installed at Westhampton to-day.

Friday 30. Warm, growing day, & warm night—about the first day & night of the kind this season. On History. Brother Smith & Daughter Sarah staid here Friday night. Sylvester left us for Hartford about noon.

July 1837

Saturday 1. Warm again. Vegetation advances rapidly. Season backward. No haying yet, except a few small patches.

In afternoon rode with Wm. Clark, Jr. to Whately.

Sunday 2. Mr. Erastus Hopkins preached A.M. Mr. Bacon of New Haven preached P.M.

Monday 3. Cloudy & cool. Employed on an old Black Letter book of the age of queen Elizabeth, "De Republica Anglorum". Preparations for Independence among the young. Recd. letter from Edmund Clark, Cleveland Ohio, enclosing draft of \$15. Gave 50 cents per bushel for Potatoes.

Tuesday 4. Independence, so called. Considerable parade. Liberty poles erected, &c. I kept away for the most part. A sad accident at the Factory. Oren Kingsley here. Signed a note to the Bank as surety for him for 150 dollars, 90 days. I took 100 dollars of the money, am to indorse it on Kingsley's note, provided he pays it at the bank. I gave him a conditional receipt. (See March 29. 38) Have paid for Col. Hooker the \$200 received of Wm. Clark Jr for him May 18.—viz. on note at Bank \$91.47. 1/2

Sent by Oren Kingsley to you (he took it to day) \$109.

\$100 has remained idle in my pocket book since May 18. \$200—

\$100 I have used for a month, or since June 3.

Wednesday 5. Cloudy. Arthura left us for Greenfield.

Dr. Sunstead & Daughter called here.

Thursday 6. At home, on history, &c. to-day.

Friday 7. Rode out part of way, then on foot rest of way, to the Silk factory, so called. Went across to Paul Strong's. Then across lots to the meadow below silk factory. Examined the country. Then followed the river through bushes & woods, over hills & vallies, to the Paper Mill & home.

Saturday 8. Warm day. History, &c. Oren Kingsley here. Young Allen, died by powder accident, and was buried to-day. He was burnt July 4 & died yesterday.

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Sunday 9. Cold day. Mr. Tyler of Amherst College preached. After meeting in afternoon, almost all attended funeral of Doct. David Hunt. He died on Friday night. An immense concourse at funeral.

Monday 10. Cold in morning. History of Councils. Dr. Sunstead called here.

Tuesday 11. Warm day after a cool night. People just beginning to snow - 10 or 12 days later than usual. Saw today Maj. Aaron Fisher of Walthampton - weak & tottering - cannot long remain. He was 81, 6th of March last of course born March 6, 1756. He used to be much in town business with my father.

Wednesday 12. Warm day after cold night. History of Saints, a Catholic affair. Went down to Ferry with Oliver Warner. Two boats brought up 3000 bushels of rye & corn - rye from Europe, corn from South. Sister Hall & 4 children from Greenfield at dinner & tea.

Thursday 13. Wrote to children at Hartford by Doct. Sunstead. On History of Saints. Bought rye flour at 4cts & corn meal at 2 3/4cts. It rained last night.

Friday 14. Good night & morning. Warm day. Oren Kingsley here. Settled with him. His account, \$6 potatoes May 9, 1836. 2.08. 26 Do Nov, 10, 67. 2.75
2 bushels do, June 3, 1837. 0.83
16 bushels fowls last Thanksgiving 1.60
Paid J. S. Kingsley for oil & cedar wood 18
Last winter &c { 4 cords 48 feet hemlock wood at 2.50. 10.78
1 cord of maple wood. 3.00
75 feet of Bark 2.34
Nov. July 14 - 168 feet of oak chips @ 2.50 cord 3.79
Indorsed the amount in his produce note. \$24.77

Saturday 15. Shower last evening. Warm night & warm today. Thunder - Showers in afternoon. Sister Lyman & Theresa here.

Sunday 16. Mr. Perkins of Amherst preached all day.

Monday 17 { Warm days, with some rain. nights rather cool.

Tuesday 18 { On Sismondi's "Fall of the Roman Empire." and
Wednesday 19 { on any accounts. Wrote letters (19th) to J. C. Lepper
Homer, Alfred Robinson, Wymant's Kill, N. Y. A. W. Jenkins
Spencer, Asaph Hurlbut, W. Springfield.

Thursday 20. Warm. On accounts & Sismondi. Sent off by mail 11 bills. Received \$17 (should be 16.96) of Ormyn Baker, Eng. for notes & accounts. I sent to him against Dr. Ansel Moody.

Friday 21. Visited Whitmarsh's &c P. M. Took tea at Chauncy Clark's with Isaac Clark.

Saturday 22. Cold night - warm day. Rode to Middle Meadows, Old Rainbow and other parts, with Job Warner. Most of crops look well. Grass not heavy. Corn not quite forward enough. Spent afternoon on accounts. Sylvester arrived from Hartford in the evening.

July 1837

- Sunday 23. Mr. Hubbard (Schoolmaster) preached all day. Took a walk in evening with G. Sheppard. These Sunday Evening walks are much more common with me & my family than they used to be.
- Monday 24. Cloudy & warm. Heavy Thunder shower towards night. I have one eye inflamed and cannot read much, nor do much of any thing.
- Tuesday 25. Cool & pleasant. Had a long talk with Sibel Bridgman widow of Elisha, about old affairs in Westhampton. Eye still troublesome. In evening, with wife at Mrs. Dewey's.
- Wednesday 26. Cool. Mr. Wellington of Templeton & his son called to see Sylvester this morning. Mr. Buel here to tea. Spent part of day on old affairs - Part with Parkman on Greek & Latin.
- Thursday 27. Cool. Another long confab. with Mrs. Bridgman on old matters. Wrote S. P. Fitch enclosing the \$2. court-fee bill he sent me. Some on Latin with Parkman. Some on old records.
- Friday 28. Son J. W. from Hartford came about 4 O'clock this morning, stopped 20 or 30 minutes, & then went on to the north, in the stage. I spent most of forenoon with Dr. Sanstead looking at houses, &c. On Latin with C. P. & on accounts of my own & H. T. Hooker.
- Saturday 29. Wrote to James Clapp & Luke Day. Sent off 6 bills. On old records some. Read Miss Martineau.
- Sunday 30. Mr. Erastus Hopkins preached. At half past 6 I went to Edwards Church & heard Mr. Todd. — Good day.
- Monday 31. On ancient affairs, &c.

August 1837

- Tuesday 1. Warm day. On old town affairs. J. W. came in the evening from Vermont. He went up last Friday.
- Wednesday 2. Warmest day this season. Thermometer in shade at noon 88 or 90. With J. W. on ancient affairs of town.
- Thursday 3. J. Walker left us for Hartford this morning. Last night the warmest this season. A tremendous storm of wind & rain in afternoon. I renewed my note at Bank given May 1, for same amount viz \$175. New note dated Aug. 2.
- Friday 4. Cool again. John A. Judah here to dinner. In afternoon, rode with Wm. Clark Jr. down to Hogs Bladder, then through gates & bad roads to Lemuel Lyman's in E. H. and on by new road to Clarke's lands near Oil Mill or Silk Factory. Viewed his corn, grass, &c; and his black pole lot as we came in.

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Saturday 5. Cool. On old affairs, on quick to with C. Parkman.

Sunday 6. Cool. Mr E. Hopkins preached. Sacrament.

In evening Mr A. B. Warner gave a lecture on Slavery in Town Hall. Hall crowded.

Monday 7. Cool. Sylvester is studying Hebrew. I am so fond of languages that I have spent some hours over these crooked marks to day.

Tuesday 8. Warmer. On Hebrew & Antiquities

Wednesday 9. Warm & sultry. Some rain. On Hebrew &c

Thursday 10. Same weather. Heard this morning that my aunt Clarissa Edwards died about sundown on Tuesday, Aug. 8. She was at the house of Thad. Clark in Southampton, who married Atossa Edwards. She has been feeble for years, & recently more so. I started on foot to attend the funeral - walked out to sister Lyman's on the towpath of the Canal; found aunt Charity Burt there; after dinner, I followed the canal again, & sister Lyman carried aunt to her daughter's, (Hannah, wife of Worcester Avery) and continued on till we met where the road and canal intersect; we rode together to uncle Frederic's; when the company came from Clark's we went to the meeting house & then to the burying yard, then back to Uncle Frederic's. After tea Sister L. returned. I walked round the triangle with cousin Asa by canal & roads, & staid at uncle Frederic's.

Friday 11. Got some old papers left by my grandfather, of my uncle Frederic. Went up to Col. Edwards (town clerk) and examined old Records; also looked at Church Records at Rev. Mr. Whites. Dined with Col. Edwards. Took tea with cousin Asa, Judd, & he brought me to Mr. Avery's in Easthampton. My cousin (Avery's wife) absent. Then called to see cousin Caroline Clapp (was a Burt) wife of Spencer C. Then called at Mr. Matthews (family of Jane's husband) & did not get away till dark. Made my way by moon light down into the meadow, crossed the Manham on a log, & kept on till I reached sister Lyman's.

Saturday 12. Left sister L. came round by Gaius Burt's home about one o'clock. Pretty tired. I walked 9 or 10 miles on Thursday, 3 miles perhaps on Friday, & 4 or 5 today.

The weather this week has been warm, with some showers, and but little sunshine. Bad for haymaking & harvesting; bad for grain.

August 1837

- Sunday 13. Mr. Erastus Hopkins preached. Showed his teeth against the abolition meeting - could not bite. Mr. B. Warner gave a lecture in evening on Slavery & Texas. Town Hall full.
- Monday 14. Cloudy & cool. Wrote to brother H. T. Hooker at Brockport. On Hebrew some. Walker & wife & son arrive from Hartford after sun down.
- Tuesday 15. Cloudy & cool. Bad weather still for haymaking & harvesting. In evening at Isaac Clark's store with Wm. Clark Jr.
- Wednesday 16. Cloudy & cool. On Hebrew & visiting. Rain.
- Thursday 17. More fair. Some hay & grain dried - none dried before for many days. The thermometer for some days has not been far from 70 at 10 o'clock. J. W. wife went out to O. Warner's & Cecil Dwight's.
- Friday 18. Cloudy again. Signed note at the Bank with George Lyman for \$75, payable 60 days. (Renewed Oct 19)
- Saturday 19. Warm & clear - good for harvesting & growing. J. W. & Elvira or Apphia went on Mt. Holyoke with some of Mr. Warner's family. I wrote to Wm. Porter, Esq. & Lee, & enclosed two accounts. Read Hebrew.
- Sunday 20. Pleasant. Mr. Dwight of Putnam, (son of President Dwight) preached all day. In the evening Mr. Storrs & Mr. E. Graves and wife here.
- Monday 21. Pleasant but cool. Some altercation with the boys last evening & this morning. We do not think alike on any thing. J. W. & Elizabeth & son & Apphia started for Greenfield this forenoon.
- Tuesday 22. Cool. Most of day on Hebrew. Children returned from Greenfield in evening.
- Wednesday 23. Still colder. Commencement at Amherst. J. W. carried four in his carriage. In afternoon, I rode to Hatfield with Chauncey Clark. In the evening it was cold enough for fire. Cousin Samuel Edwards (on jury) was here in evening.
- Thursday 24. Cold. Rode with J. W. to Whately in forenoon. Children visited at Dr. Walker's towards night. Theodore Parsons & wife called in evening.
- Friday 25. Cold. Geo. Lyman here. Rode with J. W. & wife to Whitmarsh's to see shrubbery, &c. On Hebrew some. Children went out to Col. Dwight's towards night.
- Saturday 26. Colder. Too cold for corn to come to maturity. J. W. & wife & child left us for Hartford in the forenoon. Wrote again to Wm. Porter yesterday.

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- Sunday 27. Mr. Armstrong, agent of A. B. of Foreign Missions, A. M. M. Smith of Williamstown, P. M. Not so cold.
- Monday 28. Sylvester started in the stage for Cambridge at 5 o'clock - to enter the Unitarian Divinity School there. He has been inclining to Unitarianism for two or three years past, and has for some months been decidedly unitarian. How he is to get along in regard to expenses I do not exactly know, but I suppose his Unitarian friends have encouraged him with all necessary aid.
- Brother Smith & George called here this afternoon - gave him a note for \$20, for money I had in July.
- Tuesday 29. Pleasant. On Hebrew, &c. On Latin with B. Parkman.
- Wednesday 30. Warmer. Attending to brother Hooker's affairs, &c. A long talk at Post Office with some of both parties.
- Thursday 31. Cold again. On brother Hooker's affairs. They are a crazy, disjointed concern. I weighed 161 pounds.

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- Friday 1. Very cold this morning. A fast day, appointed by Gen. Ass. of Mass. In the afternoon, I went to Edwards Church and heard Mr. Mitchel deliver a sermon against new measures, new societies, new doctrines, for conservatism, for old things, old ways, &c. A strange sermon for the 19th century, & fitted for the 17th. Much talk about it - I spent the evening in talk & disputation on this subject.
- Saturday 2. Cold. More talk about Mr. Mitchell's conservatism.
- Sunday 3. Cold. Mr. Hopkins preached. I was at Chauncy Clarke's in evening.
- Monday 4. Cold. Some frost last night. On Hebrew &c.
- Tuesday 5. Warmer.
- Wednesday 6. Warmer. Employed on Town Records. Letter from Sylvester.
- Thursday 7. Pleasant. Employed on do. President's Message, delivered Tuesday, arrived last night.
- Friday 8. Pleasant. On Town Records. George Lyman here. He carried Apphia to East Hampton.
- Saturday 9. Warm & pleasant. Fine weather. On Town Records. Over to South Street with Isaac Clark.
- Sunday 10. Fine day. Mr. Wiley, said to be a candidate for settlement, preached all day. After sundown I & G. Shepard walked into the meadow. After this I was at Isaac Clarke's. Letter from Rev. N. B. Chapin, Canada.

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- Monday 11. Warm day. Rain in Evening. On Old Records.
- Tuesday 12. Cold. Rode to the river with Oliver Warner - then crossed & called at Brother Johnson's, Hockanum. On my return examined the lower part of Middle Meadow.
- Wednesday 13. Cold. Examining Records in reference to roads, &c. At Chauncey Clark's in evening.
- Thursday 14. Cold. Some frost last night. On Old Records.
- Friday 15. Cold. some frost - not much damage as yet, in this region. Fire necessary in evening. Old Records.
- Saturday 16. Cold. On Old Records. Apphia came home.
- Sunday 17. Warner ~~threw away~~ ^{threw away} frost. Mr. Wiley preached. G. Parkman left us in the evening for Hartford and New Haven - intends to go on foot - will only go to Hockanum to night. He has been at home since May 20, the whole of one Term and vacation. I have now let him have 25 dollars, and he has had of me 25 before since he entered college, making \$50. Wm. Clark Jr. here this evening.
- Monday 18. Warner, a very fine pleasant day. At post office in evening - much talk and dispute about Mr. Mitchell's sermon & his opinions.
- Tuesday 19. It is now 5 years since my venerable father closed his eyes on earthly things. I think much of him - & cannot but blame myself for any want of attention to him in his later years. I often find myself exclaiming with Elisha, "My father, my father!" &c. School Convention. Meeting in Town Hall in forenoon and address by Mr. Mann of Boston in Edwards Church in afternoon. Some debate. Every thing went on well. Mr. Bisbee of Middlefield, Geo. Lyman & Theresa & O. Kimbly here to dinner.
- Wednesday 20. Still very pleasant. On Town Records. Wrote to Sy Lester. I borrowed yesterday \$50 of Brother Smith & gave him my note. I paid half of it for the money I borrowed for Parkman. I now owe brother Smith 70\$. Apphia went to Robert's Meadow. Hall arrived from Hartford in the evening.
- Thursday 21. Considerable frost last night - some damage to corn. On Revolutionary Records. Brother Smith here.
- Friday 22. On Revolutionary Records. Did not go to the centre. Hall went to Bloody Brook.
- Saturday 23. Hall started for Hartford this morning. Ariethusa arrived from Greenfield.
- Sunday 24. Mr. Wiley preached all day. Frost this morning. Fire necessary through the day. Apphia returned from Robert's Meadow. Much damage by the frost, but corn is not entirely killed.

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Monday 25. Mr. Brown & wife (she a sister of late mother Hall) and two daughters called here, from Templeton. Went to Westhampton towards night.

Tuesday 26. Mr. Brown & family returned - took dinner here and went on to Greenfield. Letter from Sylvester, 4th since he has been at Cambridge. Sent to him a bond which I signed for him, for payment of his quarter Bills. Amount \$60.

Wednesday 27. On Revolutionary papers.

Mr. Graham lectured in Town Hall in the evening.

Thursday 28. On Revolutionary papers. On money matters.

Mrs. Danforth, cousin of my wife, came here from the East.

Friday 29. Paid up the other half of my bank shares \$225
 viz. borrowed at Bank this day \$354.42 (Note \$360. Interest \$58)
 Had of Isaac Clark for 1/2 of 3 shares. 157.50.
 Cash of my own 13.08
 525.00.

I now own 7 shares which cost me \$735
 I owe the bank for them { 1 Note dated Aug. 2. \$175
 1 Note Date Sept. 29. 360 } 535
 At Timo. Clark's in Evening.

Saturday 30. After a long time of dry, dusty weather, & after some days of cloudy weather, it began to rain this afternoon.

Paid my Milk Bill to Mrs. Danl. Kingsley from June 14 to Oct. 1. 71 quarts at 4 cents - \$2.84.

October 1837

Sunday 1. Mr. Mason (he resides here) in forenoon and Mr. Fessenden in afternoon. Sacramento.

In the evening an address in Town Hall by A. B. Warner. He lashed the pro-slavery men, especially the clergy. Most splendid sun-risings & sun-sets for several weeks past, except in cloudy, foggy weather.

Monday 2. A delightful fall day - the air was never more pure. On Town records. Paid \$3.50 for old pork at 11/2 per pound, \$3.41 for postage about 2 months, \$2 for Abolition. Letter from H. J. Hooker. Sent to N. York for dividend by John Williams.

Tuesday 3. Mrs. Danforth left us at 2 o'clock this morning for the West. Fine day.

Received Dividend at Bank on 5 shares, or half of 10 shares from May 1. to Oct. 1. 5 months - \$12.50. Paid Isaac Clark \$3.75 for his part of it. This is receiving only 6 dollars per annum on \$105 - not a very profitable investment at present.

In evening was at Chauncey Clark's & Hiram Ferry's. Parish meeting to day. Voted to settle Mr. Wiley

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Wednesday 4. Heavy frost last night. On old affairs.

Thursday 5. A very cold night, & ice considerably thick this morning. Almost every thing frozen.

A cold day. A rousing fire necessary.

In evening at Post office discussing Animal Magnetism.

Letter from Wm. Porter Esq. Lee.

Friday 6. Not so cold. Wrote to Brother Hooker.

Went with Isaac Clark to view the expressive house that Edward Clark is building on Round Hill.

Oren Kingsley in. He paid \$50 on note to Bank which he & signed July 4. The \$100 will be due 90 days from Oct 5.

Saturday 7. Cold. Trading, &c. in forenoon. In afternoon walked over to Hockanum (except river was crowded in the horse boat) with Ariethusa, Apphia & Peninnah. Visited brother Johnson's. Came home after sundown.

Sunday 8. Professor Condit preached all day. Cold.

Called in evening at Geo. Cook's to see Spencer Parsons from Skaneateles, N.Y. Several of his relatives there.

Monday 9. Biting cold. W

Tuesday 10. On old papers. Called at 2 or 3 places in South Street.

Gave Clark Bridgman Note for \$4.05 for beef at 5 cents (per lb)

Signed note to Bank as surety for Oren Kingsley & his mother Kingsley for \$200 - 90 days.

In the evening Doct. Roland Sears came to see me. He formerly lived with Dr. Hooker. I have not seen him for more than 20 years. A fine man. Lives in Whitesboro' N.Y.

Wednesday 11. About the village with Dr. Sears most of the day.

Committee on Encroachments here in the evening.

Thursday 12. With Dr. Sears. Attended a Temperance Meeting in A.M. Mr. Mitchell spoke against all pledges but all were against him.

Meeting of the Four Societies P.M. I attended.

Friday 13. Rode to Westhampton with Dr. Sears - went to Dr. Hooker's store. Returned & I was with him most of evening till 11 o'clock. - George Lyman stood here last night: Mr. Bisbee & wife & Theresa & Mr. Lusk were here to dinner yesterday, & three first to tea.

Saturday 14. Employed on old town papers.

Sunday 15. Mr. Richards, Missionary from Sandwich Islands, preached all day, sat Edwards Church in evening.

Monday 16. Employed on town papers.

Tuesday 17 Employed on same.

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Wednesday 18. Cattle Show. More people here than I ever saw before. Saw many friends & acquaintances. Clark Bridgman paid me \$50.

Thursday 19. On town papers. Renewed Note at the Bank with George Lyman, payable 90 days, for 75 dolls. (This paid Jan. 9. 1838)

Friday 20. On old papers. Received \$20 from John Williams of New York, for a dividend of 4 per cent on 5 Rail Road shares. Dividend declared last July. The other 5 shares, do not stand in my name, in the books, but in G. A. Dwight's & I have not received the dividend. P.S. Rec^d \$20 on these latter shares by G. A. Dwight - Oct. 26.

Saturday 21. On old town papers.

Sunday 22. Dr Brown of Hadley preached all day. Very fine weather but cold. We have yet glorious sunrises & sunsets.

Monday 23. A most beautiful day - air bland & pleasant. Letter from C. Parkman. Letter from H. T. Hooker. I paid \$40 to J. M. Smith on Sarah A. Edwards, towards furniture she had. [Paid C. C. Cotton for her chairs \$22.75. Oct. 26.]

Tuesday 24. Wrote to H. T. Hooker. Letter from Sylvester. A warm day. No fire wanted.

Wednesday 25. Cloudy. Wrote to J. W. Hartford. On old affairs.

Thursday 26. Cloudy. On H. T. Hooker's matters, &c. Bought greenings at 33 cents, not selected, not picked by hand. First rate as worth 50 cts.

Friday 27. On old matters. - A long discussion of Animal Magnetism in the Register of Probate's office. Some Rain to-day.

Saturday 28. On old papers & records relating to Southampton. Did not go out at all.

Sunday 29. Mr. Buddington, who has been preaching at Hatfield, preached all day.

Monday 30. Wrote to Sylvester. Bought a barrel of 3^d rate flour (middlings) at \$8.50. Superfine is \$10 - which is a dollar less than a year ago. Wrote to H. T. Hooker.

Tuesday 31. Cold, pleasant weather. Was trying to aid Oliver Warner in his difficulties some hours to-day. Reply to Mr. Mitchell's sermon by Mr. Hubbard, appeared.

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Wednesday 1. Pleasant weather. Family wrote to C. Parkman. I wrote to Dr. Osgood of Springfield & Mr. Packard of Shelburne on abolition matters.

Thursday 2. Spent the day with Wm. Clark Jr., Chauncy Clark and Col. Mr. Pomeroy, in examining Encroachments on Highways. At Post office in evening. Arthur saw to Westrampton this afternoon.

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- Friday 3. Pleasant. Rec^d. \$200 of Rowell Hubbard on note given by him and G. A. Dwight, Jan^y. 28. 1837, for \$37.50 payable July 28, last. Paid my \$175 dollar Note at Bank, dated August 2, last. Brother Johnson & wife here in evening. In forenoon rode with Oliver Warner to Pascommuck, and back through new road that meets the Fort Plain road.
- Saturday 4. Pleasant. Attended auction of apples, &c. in afternoon. Bought nothing. Business with some persons.
- Sunday 5. Cloudy - not cold. Mr. Buddington all day. Letter from Sylvester in evening. He enclosed \$50 for me to use till he wants it 5 or 6 months hence. { Paid him 18th Jan^y. 1838
Sent him \$1.00 Dec^r. 18. 1838
- Monday 6. Engaged a house for Isaac Clark - was about it most of the forenoon. At 6 o'clock Sam^l Parsons in evening.
- Tuesday 7. Pleasant. Gave John Clarke a note for \$8.50 for another barrel of middlings flour. (Paid Feb 6. 1838.) Paid Geo. Shepard \$5. for 2 p^{er}son for year ending Oct. 30. Paid him \$1. for the hay cut in his door yard last summer. Settled with George A. Dwight. His note dated April 3, 1837 was \$38.77, & interest to this time \$1.36 - both \$40.13 (See May 18) Took of him note vs. Sylv. Bridgman \$33.25 & cash 6.88. = \$40.13.
- Wednesday 8. Pleasant & cold. Ordination of Mr. Wiley as pastor of the old Society. I did not attend, as I seldom go to ordinations even in my own parish. We made preparations for friends at dinner, but they did not come. Arctura returned from Westhampton.
- Thursday 9. Cold. Was on the encroachment business part of the day & evening. Viewed Sam^l Parsons lot, and the breach in dispute. Conferred with Dr. Osgood about our abolition meetings in January. A democratic caucus in evening; I did not attend.
- Friday 10. Fine day. Col. Hooker of Westfield & wife called here in afternoon. Brother Johnson carried Arctura to Hochanum. I paid \$25 on S. A. Edwards acct. at Roddard & Lathrop's { This was money that Sylvester sent I lent \$25 to brother Johnson
- Saturday 11. Fine morning - afterwards cloudy. Spent some hours in aiding Theodore Clark, of W. H. who issued by Agricultural Society. Read in Bancroft's 2d Volume of History. Whigs greatly elated with their victory in New York.
- Sunday 12. Mr. Wiley gave us his first sermon since his ordination. He did well. Hitherto I have not been a great admirer of him, though satisfied with him. Whigs had a caucus in the evening.

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Monday 13. Town meeting in afternoon for choice of Governor, &c. I did not attend - did not vote. Whigs all alive. In the forenoon I wrote a report for the encroachment committee. Pleasant day.

Tuesday 14. Wrote to H. B. Stanton, Cor. Sec. of Anti-Slavery Society, N.Y. It snowed today for the first time this fall. At night the snow was an inch deep, perhaps. For 6 or 8 weeks, it has been very pleasant weather most of the time, and but little rain. I have seldom known a more pleasant autumn.

The whigs are every where victorious, as was expected. When there is distress, & pecuniary embarrassments, the people, more or less of them, turn against the National Administration, whether it be right or wrong. It has been so ever since I can remember - in embargo, war, &c. But when things went on prosperously, they have always returned to the party claiming to be Democratic, whether it was so or not. Those who lost power in 1801 have never been able to regain it in the U.S., nor will they now do it, though they may flatter themselves with success.

Singular redness in the heavens in the evening, which was reflected on the snow.

Wednesday 15. The appearance and feeling of winter in the morning. Received of Samuel Williams 63 dollars for Capt. Wm Hooker. Some disputes on politics. A cold pleasant day. Most of snow went off.

Thursday 16. Quite cold - but pleasant. On old town affairs.

Bought 11 bushels of apples of Festus Hooker at 40^c — 4.40^g
I owed him for mending fence — 1.00 } 5.40

He has had of me the rent of my share of the parsonage for 1836-7. . . .
Also two sheep racks. a meat barrel.

Yesterday transferred 3 of my Bank Shares to Isaac Clark (he has paid for them) & took a certificate or scrip for 7 shares which I own. I paid for them 735 dollars (& owe the Bank \$360.)

Friday 17. Pleasant days. Was on old affairs.

Saturday 18. Letter from H. T. Hooker.

Sunday 19. Warm & pleasant. Mr Wiley all day. The meeting house is better filled since Mr Wiley has been here.

Monday 20. Warm & pleasant. The air is clear & no smoke. On old matters. Letter from H. B. Stanton, N.Y. &c.

Mr. E. Hunt of Cam. brought a cheex 22 lbs. Had one before 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ or 2 lbs. (better.)

Tuesday 21. Warm & pleasant. Old matters. Court week. Oren Kingsley here and

Wednesday 22. he staid over night. Warm & cloudy. Whig celebration today for their victories. Cannons fired, bells ringing, & in the evening a supper, and an uproar worthy of Bacchanals. Wrote to Rev Th. Parker Jr. Shilburne, yesterday.

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- Thursday 23. More cold, but pleasant. Wrote to H. T. Hooker.
Aethusa returned from Harkness. Wife baking for Thanksgiving.
- Friday 24. ~~Business with several persons.~~
A case in court excited some attention.
Wrote to J. C. Bates about account against Wm. Henshaw.
- Saturday 25. A northeast snow-storm. Snow fell, perhaps 4 inches deep.
Grew cold, & a cold night followed. Ground not frozen under the snow. On old matters, & filling up places to keep out cold.
- Sunday 26. A cold day. No thawing. Mr. Wiley all day.
- Monday 27. Thermometer at sunrise 8 deg. above 0. A cold day.
Very little thawing. Some people in sleighs & some in wagons.
The air is pure, the heavens serene, and the glorious
sunrises & sunsets still continue.
The murder of Rev. E. P. Dovejoy at Alton, Illinois, by
a slavery mob, set on by the men of wealth & influence,
excites some sensation here, but not half as much
as it ought.
- Tuesday 28. Thermometer at sunrise 4 deg. above 0. Severe winter weather.
E. Hunt of Hammington brought me a hog which he
called 300 pounds at about 10 cts. Spent the afternoon
in cutting it up, saving string lard, &c. [Settled 1. Dec. 8. 1838]
Letter from Joseph Willard, Boston, about some old affairs.
- Wednesday 29. Ther. at S. 34 above 0. A change of 30 degrees since yesterday.
Salting meat, running after fowls, &c. some hours. Got a
turkey, but could find no other fowls.
Sons J. Walker & Hall & grandson Albert H. arrived
in the evening from Hartford, to keep Thanksgiving with us.
It was a warm day & most of the snow melted away.
- Thursday 30. Ther. at S. 46 above 0. Thanksgiving Day.
Warm. One of J. W.'s horses sick - a hind horse.
None of the family went to meeting but myself.
Mr. Wiley preached. Pretty good congregation for such a day.
Had dinner after 3 o'clock - 9 of us, viz 5 children
1 grand child, Aethusa, wife & myself. Sylvester and
C. Parkman not here.
We spent the night over the sick horse till half past one
and had a drunken horse doctor.

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- Friday 1. Thermom. at S. 40 above 0. A warm cloudy day.
Occupied in visiting, and in attending on the sick horse.
Letter from Sylvester.
My father was born Dec 1. 1752, & had he lived would have
been now 85 years old. His sister Silence Edwards is 87.

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- Saturday 2. Ther. at 46. Cloudy day! Sick horse, &c. Letter from Mr. Parker. In the evening, Sylvester arrived from Cambridge, with the old disorder in his teeth & face. Let Isaac Clark have \$100 until Jan 1. Took his note dated Dec. 4.
- Sunday 3. Thermom. at 46. Cloudy. At home in forenoon with Sylvester. At meeting in afternoon. Mr. preached. J. Walker, Hall & Albert H. started for Hartford this morning, & left the sick horse here.
- Monday 4. Ther. at 38. Cloudy. Sylvester still down. Our Thanksgiving this year has been rather unpleasant & disturbed; in consequence of a sick horse; and since Saturday, of a sick sore. Afternoon pleasant.
- Tuesday 5. Ther. at 30 above 0. First freezing since Tuesday last. Fine weather. Sylvester much better. Load of wood of Martin Wright for Paw Rent.
- Wednesday 6. Ther. at 20 above 0. Clear, fine weather. Preparing meat for sausages, &c. Visited at Quarters Clapp's the widow of Josiah Pierce of Hadley, now in her 93d year. Wrote an antiquarian letter to Joseph Willard of Boston, in reply to one of his. Wrote to Mr. Stanton New York, & Mr. Ware, of Amherst, about abolition meeting.
- Thursday 7. Ther. at 33 above 0. Clear & pleasant - the air pure. Making sausages part of the day. Sylvester out today. Write to J. Walker every day about his horse.
- Friday 8. Ther. at 27 above 0. Isaac Clark & Mrs. Dewey & Mrs. (Moss) Clark here in evening.
- Saturday 9. Ther. at 14 above 0. Cold, very pleasant. Cloudy in afternoon.
- Sunday 10. Ther. at 22 above 0. A little snow fell last night, and to day snow fell about 4 inches deep. Mr. Wiley all day.
- Monday 11. Ther. at 26 above 0. Sleighing.
- Tuesday 12. Ther. at 44 above 0. On old matters.
- Wednesday 13. Ther. at 28 above 0. Old & new matters.
- Thursday 14. Ther. at 8 above 0. do.
- Friday 15. Ther. at 4 above 0. do. Keenly cold day, but pleasant.
- Saturday 16. Ther. at 2 below 0. do. do. do. do. Hophni set out about 10 with J. W.'s horse, to take him to Westfield. Did not return. We hear that Robert Parkman, a nephew of my wife, died at Sparta, Alabama, Oct. 27. He was about 27 years old, perhaps 28.
- Sunday 17. Ther. at 16 above 0. Mr. Wiley all day. I staid at home in afternoon. Hophni returned - paid \$3 to bring him up, and 0.83 for expenses.
- Monday 18. Thermom. at 32 above 0. A rainy day. Spent much of the day about Abolition Meeting.

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Tuesday 19. High wind last night blew down & broke my thermometer. Settled milk bill with Mrs Kingsley 1.48.
Bought a new thermometer \$1.25.
Read Animal Magnetism.

Wednesday 20. Thermometer at sunrise 20 above 0. Tolerable sleighing on ice & snow.
Rode to Westhampton with Henry - did business with Col. Hooker, J. A. Judd & Capt. Hale, chiefly in reference to Geo. Lyman's debt against Capt. Hale. Lodged at Dr. Hooker's.

Thursday 21. Cold day. Business with Dr. Hooker in relation to same subject. Also aided in adjusting affairs between Col. H. J. A. J. & R. H. Thermom. at N. H. was 2 deg. above 0 at sunrise.
In evening walked down to bro. Parsons & staid there.

Friday 22. Thermom. at N. H. was at 0 at sunrise.
Rode to N. H. with bro. Parsons wife in the forenoon.
Sawed & split wood. In the latter part of day & evening bro. Parsons wife & brother Johnson wife were here.

Saturday 23. Ther. at 4 deg. below 0. Coldest morning this winter as yet.
Pleasant day but very cold. Split wood some.
Read Ancient Architecture, examined plates, &c.
Recd. from Westhampton the late Rev. E. Hale's diary from 1777 to 1833.

Sunday 24. Ther. at 24 above 0. Pleasant. Mr. Wiley all day.
Mr. Wiley is a pretty liberal Calvinist; & will be suspected of Taylorism, at least.

Monday 25. Ther. at 21 above 0. Pleasant.

Tuesday 26. Ther. at 30 above 0. A pleasant thawing day. Ther. up to 55.
Mr. Bisbee wife here to dinner.

Took note of Wm Clark Jr for the H. T. Hooker place
Dated April 14, 1837, for \$1323.60, & gave him Col. Hooker's deed.
Endorment - \$200. Aug 18.

Wednesday 27. Thermom. at 18 above 0. Pleasant. Wm Clark Jr paid \$100 on the note.
I paid to Lewis Stings on H. T. Hooker's affairs \$81.31
I paid Asahel Lyman Note. on do --- 50.00
I received \$100 of Wm Clark Jr, & \$63 sometime since of S. Wms on H. T. H's affairs - both 163. Paid as above 131.31. Due Hooker 31.60
On Mr Hale's diary &c. Wrote letters to Dr Osgood, Rev. Packard & Bro Ware

Thursday 28. Ther. at 20 above 0. On Rev. E. Hale's diary.
Attended auction of furniture. Bought nothing.

Friday 29. Ther. at 22 above 0. On Rev. E. Hale's diary, Wood, &c.

Saturday 30. Ther. at 26 above 0. Thawing day. Ther. went up to 46.
On Mr Hale's diary. Letter from Irene at Hartford.

Sunday 31. Ther. at 28 above 0. Thawing. Ther. rose to 52. Sleighing done.
Mr. Mitchell preached all day - Mr Wiley for him.
Mr. M. took great pains to discriminate between religion, enthusiasm, & fanaticism, & to show that he was in favor of great zeal & fervor in the cause of true religion. This was because he was suspected of coldness, & opposition to religious zeal. There is no need of preaching against fanaticism in N. H. There is none here; but the contrary evils are here.

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- Monday 1. Another new year. "Thus far the Lord hath helped us."
Th. at sunrise 32 above 0. Thawing. Bought 22 lbs fresh cod fish 66 cts.
Brother Smith & wife here. Took \$80 of him & gave my Note. (see June 13.)
Signed Note to Bank as security for Moody. Horace H. \$800 - 30 days - paid
Evening brother Matthews, wife & child arrived from Florida.
They have been at Hartford 2 or 3 days.
- Tuesday 2. Ther. at 30 above 0. Settling accounts. &c. Paid taxes \$22.42. On debt, \$9.00
Renewed Note at Bank, given Sept. 29. Was \$300. I paid today \$160 and gave
new note for \$200. Paid for butting \$3.22.
- Wednesday 3. Ther. at 30 above 0. With bro. Matthews, &c. In the evening
Sylvester delivered an address before the N. H. Lyceum.
Subject, Childhood. Town Hall full. Unitarians guest all there.
The border warfare (Canada) makes much talk - especially the brutal destruction of a steam boat & men on our side,
at old fort Schlosser, near Niagara Falls.
- Thursday 4. Ther. at 38 above 0 at sunrise. A very mild day - indeed it has
been mild for more than a week. Street muddy.
- Friday 5. Ther. at 36 above 0. Still warm & muddy. On Mr. Hale's diary
Brother Matthews wife went to E. Hampton. I wrote to H. T. Hooker.
- Saturday 6. Ther. at 38 above 0. A very pleasant, mild day, and a
glorious sun setting at night. About abolition. &c.
Called upon Mr. Wiley. Wrote to Dr. Osgood.
- Sunday 7. Ther. at 23 above 0. Another mild day. Mr. Wiley preached all day.
- Monday 8. Ther. at 51 above 0. Warmest morning this winter. Strong south wind.
Sylvester started in the stage for Cambridge between 3 & 4 o'clock
this morning - has been here since Dec. 2d.
Became cool & clear P.M. - On Mr. Hale's Diary.
- Tuesday 9. Ther. at 22 above 0. Clear & pleasant. Cloudy in afternoon
He & those started for Hartford at 10 o'clock. I sent by her to son
C. P. Judd \$15; & \$10. J. W. will pay him for money I have paid for him
here - making \$25. I have now paid C. P. \$75 since he entered College.
Evening, Temperance Meeting in Town Hall.
- Wednesday 10. Ther. at 29 above 0. George Symon staid here last night & started for E. H.
in stage this morning. Settled Butler Bill with brother Parsons
Have paid for butler in 3 months about \$11 - but have 60 or 80 on hand at 20.
Preparing for abolition meeting.
- Thursday 11. Ther. at 12 above 0. Coldest morning since Dec. 23. Still clear & pleasant.
Abolition meeting. Mr. Stanton & Mr. Scott came from
Springfield about one o'clock with Mr. Packard & Mr. Fairbanks.
Mr. Birney did not come. Services began after 2 o'clock.
Mr. Wiley opened with prayer, and Mr. Scott & Mr. Stanton
spoke in the afternoon, & again in the evening. The
assembly was respectable; but rough travelling & no sleighing,
kept back many. Rev. Mr. Packard, Jr. of Shelburne staid
with me.

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Friday 12. Ther. at 16 above 0. Still clear & pleasant. a fine day. Abolition meeting continued - Met for business about 10 A.M. & for speaking about 11. Prayer at beginning by Mr Gould. Mr Packard & Mr Stanton spoke. In afternoon met about two; Mr. Stanton spoke for hours. Closing prayer by Mr. Lovell of. . . Contribution taken up \$244 & over. The audience was quite large in afternoon - lower part of the house two thirds filled. Every thing went on well. These meetings excite in me much anxiety and apprehension beforehand, but the result is always better than my fears. I contributed \$3.69.

Saturday 13. Ther. at 16. above 0. Another pleasant day. A disturbance because Mr. Wiley was chosen President of A.S. Society. He concluded not to accept. He should have done this yesterday. A squall likewise about our having the meeting house on Sunday Evening (tomorrow). Oren Kingsley in. Took up notes at Bank signed by him, and myself as surety Oct 5. & 10. \$100 + 200. He paid \$75 and put rest in one note \$225 & I again signed as surety. (April 16. note renewed \$225 Jan Dec. 29. 1838) Mr Packard left us in the stage in the night (that is this morning). Peninnah sick & was so yesterday.

Sunday 14. Ther. at 28 above 0. Mr Wiley, A.M. Mr Nash for the Education Society, P.M. In evening Mr Stanton delivered an abolition address in the old meeting house to a large audience.

Monday 15. Thermom. at 40 above 0. one snow squall & considerable wind today. Some noise about Mr. Wiley & the Presidency of the Anti S. Society. I called to see him. He finally declined more positively than Saturday. I did not try to have him stand.

Letter from Gloucester. - I weighed 165 pounds.

Tuesday 16. A glorious aurora & sunrise - a beautiful morning. What weather for January? Thermometer at sunrise 29 above 0. Peninnah much better. Through the goodness of God, we have been much favored as to health the past year. For 12 or 13 months, no physician has been in my house. The Times. There is complaint about scarcity of money and a pressure, very severe, is apprehended by some. There is also distrust of many banks. Prices of many things seem to be falling.

The crops in 1837 - in this section - about $\frac{2}{3}$ of a crop of corn but not over half of this entirely sound, if so much. Potatoes a large crop. English grain - more than in 1836, but still a deficient crop. Much buckwheat raised common & India, & it is much used. Apples not plenty but about enough. Prices in fall 25 to 42 or 50 cts. Hay - a deficient crop, but as long winter high prices have lessened the number of cattle &c. there is probably hay enough. Oats were good. Wool has been low & most of it remains unsold. Broom corn was hardly middling - & price much reduced.

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Wednesday 17. Thermom. at 41 above 0. Milder than before. Rain P.M.

County Teetotal Temperance Meeting in Town Hall P.M.
But few there. Most of day on Mr Hale's diary.

Brothers Matthews & Parsons & Sister Betsey here. Brother M. has
concluded to live at bro P.'s some months.

In evening Mr C. P. Huntington gave an address before Lyceum
on law. Sent to day power of Attorney to G. A.

Dwight, At G. to receive dividend on my rail road stock.

Thursday 18. Thermom. 39. above 0. A foggy morning. Warmest day
perhaps that we have had. Thermometer at noon up to 38 in shade.

Dr. Mather's bees were all flying about as in summer.

Buds on some shrubs & trees are considerably swelled.

Streets muddy, but sidewalks dry.

Wrote letter to Sylvester - enclosed \$40. which, with 10 I let him
have when here, pays the \$50 he sent to me Nov. 5, except interest.
Got home barrel of flour bought Nov. 7.

In evening at Capt Saml. Parsons' with wife, and a
large company. All school teachers, then male & female, of high schools.
They went to singing Psalm tunes, as they used to at Westbury
town 40 years ago! A little behind the age, thought I & some others,
who were not charmed with the music, & went into another room.
Capt P. & wife are excellent persons & there is a fulness there.

Friday 19. A rainy night. Ther. this morning 36 above 0. Rainy day.

Wrote to C. Parkman & sent it by C. P. Strong. On Mr. H.'s diary

Grass seems to turn green in the rain

Towards night, the clouds broke away, the wind changed into
the N.W. and blew strong & cold. At Cousin Timothy's in evening.

Saturday 20. Thermometer at 16 above 0. A beautiful, calm morning
after a windy night. A very pleasant day - rather cold.

Attended an auction P.M. bought nothing.

Sunday 21. Therm. at 15 above 0. Cloudy, pretty cold day. Ther. went up to 30.

Mr Wiley preached all day. Meeting house pretty full. Our
Sunday School is not very full on the male side. My class has
usually about 4.

Monday 22. Ther at 14 above 0. Some cloudy. somewhat cold. On Mr H.'s diary.

Sent to Philanthropist, Cincinnati, \$2 for that paper another year
through T. Shephard, P.M. Also requested the discontinuance of the other 4 papers
sent to persons here.

Tuesday 23. Ther. at 8° above 0. Coldest morning since Dec 23, & remarkably months
from Dec. 23 to Jan. 23. Every now the sun shines pleasantly, all
is still, and the aspect of the heavens & earth is not unpleasant. The
air is pure. In evening at Isaac Glucks with wife, and
Mr. Hubbard & wife & her cousin.

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Wednesday 24. Thermometw at 25°. Wind S. Fine weather.

On diary of Mr Hale &c. A beautiful day. Air bland.

Waggoning rough. Thermom. in evening 38 to 36.

Nephew S. J. Fidd. Edwards married to Miss Phelps at Greenfield last evening. E. Bates & Sarah A. went up - returned to day.

In Evening made 3 calls with wife.

Thursday 25. Ther. at 29°. Cloudy in morning. Clear afterwards and a pleasant autumn day. There was a military ball here, many epauletts, &c. about. Some of our companies or parts of companies were out, & marched about the streets as if it were May. Letter from Sylvester. On diary, &c.

Ther. in evening 36 to 37°. Waggoning growing smooth.

Friday 26. Ther. at 36°. Rained some last night, & rains this morning.

Cleared off in forenoon, & we had another beautiful day.

Paid Dr. Mather \$3 for filling three & four teeth for Apphia.

Towards night wind changed from S.W. to N.W. but the

Ther. stood at 46 above 0 an hour after sundown, and

at 41° at 10 o'clock - Wrote Letter to Elizabeth & Arthur a Hartford

Saturday 27. Thermom. at 32°. Wind N. Cloudy day. Ther. at 32° again at 7 o'clock P.

A windy N.E. snow storm commenced in the evening.

Sunday 28. Ther. at 32°. Three or 4 inches of snow fell last night.

Cloudy & some thawing. No wheels at meeting-house - also sleighs.

Mr Wiley all day. In evening windy - thermom. at 32°.

Cravats. Only 2 men in the meeting house wear white cravats besides myself, viz Dea Brad Clark & Isaac Luther Clark. All the rest, old & young, wear black, most of them stocks, some black hker.

Monday 29. Ther. at 22°. after a windy night. A windy cool day.

Tuesday 30. Ther. down to 8° above 0. Same as 23d inst. A clear, cold day.

Pretty good sleighing. Sun shone brightly, but no thawing.

Brother Smith & wife ^{here} Miss Nixon here evening, going to Marietta, Ohio. Wrote to Samuel, and wife sends to him by Miss A. two shirts; Betsey shirt & socks; Irene bosom & collars. - Letter from C. Parkman.

Thermom. at 4 above 0. at 11 o'clock P.M.

President Allen of Bowdoin College here to inquire about his ancestors

Wednesday 31. Ther. at 4° above 0. Coldest morning since Dec. 23. Clear & cold.

No thawing to-day. On Mr Hale's diary, &c. Ther. at 11 P.M. 8 above 0

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Thursday 1. Ther. at 3° above 0. Clear & cold. No thawing. Ther. at 14° at 10 P.M.

Friday 2. Ther. at 9° above 0. Cloudy & cold. In afternoon clear & cold. Little or no thawing. Paid \$1 for 19 lbs sugar. On Mr H's diary.

Sleighing good, but does not extend far S. & E.

Therm. at 10 o'clock evening, 8° above 0.

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- Saturday 3. Ther. at 1° above 0. Coldest since Dec. 23. Some cloudy
No thawing. On Mr Hale's diary - sawing wood, &c.
- Sunday 4. Ther. at 10° above 0. cold & clear. No thawing, or very little.
Mr Wiley in forenoon. Sacrament. Mr Mitchell in afternoon.
- Monday 5. Ther. at 11° above 0. Cold & clear. A beautiful morning & day.
There has been now a week of steady cold weather, with no
thawing worthy of notice, even in the sun at noon-day.
On Mr. Hale's diary. Letter from Sylvester.
- Tuesday 6. Ther. at 9° above 0. Another cold, sunny day - thawed a little.
Preparing for company - In evening had visitors (invited)
viz. Samuel Parsons, Chauncy Clark, Isaac Clark, Elisha
Graves & their wives, Miss Amosden & Miss Lucy Dewey.
Letter from Arctura & Elizabeth, Hartford. A fine evening.
- Wednesday 7. Ther. at 2° above 0. Weather moderated considerably by night.
Rode to Greenfield with wife, brother Parsons & wife, & bro. Matthews & wife
in bro. Parsons' sleigh. Good sleighing on the little snow that fell on
the 28th ult. Staid at brother Hall's.
- Thursday 8. Started after dinner. Came by Whately Meeting House. Two
or three inches of snow fell last night, and it thawed some most
of the day. Reached home a little after sunset. Bro. Sis. Staid to tea.
Thermometer here this morning 31° above 0. Warmest day
since Jan. 28.
- Friday 9. Ther. at 32° . Some cloudy. Thawed some. On Mr H's diary.
Towards night rode with wife (in E. Graves' cutter with him & wife)
to Col. Thomas Pomeroy's on a visit, (invited.) A large party
there - about 18. Abundance of good things. Home 15 min. before 10.
Ther. at 10 o'clock P.M. 28° above 0.
- Saturday 10. Ther. at 22° . But little thawing. Some cloudy.
- Sunday 11. Ther. at 8° above 0. Cold & cloudy. Fire alarm at Amherst
early in the morning, and at our Post-office. The former serious.
Hosmer went to Amherst, as did many others, & the Engines.
Dr. Brown of Hadley preached all day. No thawing. Snowed about 1 inch.
Business with Mr. Hubbard (going to Boston) in evening.
Lent No 5. & No 7. N.E. Farmer to Th. Strong.
- Monday 12. Ther. at 4° above 0. No thawing. Some clouds. Good sleighing.
Wrote to Sylvester.
- Tuesday 13. Ther. at 16° above 0. Some cloudy. Snowed in evening.
Ther. at 10 P.M. 28° above 0.
In the evening, Mr. Mason, a tee-totaller from England (a
Methodist) delivered an address in Town Hall on Temperance.
His voice was like thunder, & made my head ache.
Agreed to day with Oren Kingsley for 3 or 10 cords of wood, to be
delivered in the fall &c. at 2.75 per cord - oak, hard maple & beech & birch.

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Wednesday 14. Ther. at 26° . Snow of last evening 2 or 3 inches. Grew windy and cold. Snow in woods about 7 inches—almost all that has fallen since Jan. 28th.

Brothers Parsons & Matthews and wives here to dinner; and in afternoon we all visited Bro. Johnson at Hockanum.
Cold evening. At 11 P.M. Thermometer at 6° above 0.

Thursday 15. Ther. at 8° above 0. at sunrise, & a N.E. snow storm began. Finished letter to H. O. Hooker & Sarah. Engaged on old papers in regard to weather & seasons.

Snow of this morning 2 or 3 inches only. A cold day. No thawing. Evening at Isaac Clarke's. Thermom. at 13° at 10 o'clock P.M.

Friday 16. Ther. at 12° above 0. Snowed this morning before sunrise ^{very light} 2 inches. In the afternoon commenced snowing again, & there was a cold driving storm till evening—probably 5 or 6 inches.
On weather & seasons.

Saturday 17. Ther. at 0. at sunrise—coldest since Dec. 23d. The day was very cold, the Ther. rising only to 10 or 12 degrees; there was much wind & blowing of snow. Sun shone part of the day. The whole depth of snow in the woods, or on a level, is probably 14 or 15 inches.
On weather & seasons.

Sunday 18. Ther. at 5 below 0—coldest morning this winter. Sun shone most all day, but no thawing.
Mr. Wiley preached all day.

Monday 19. Ther. at 14° above 0. Sun shone, but no thawing. Wind rose in afternoon & blew hard, & still harder in the night. Snow flew.
On weather & seasons.

Tuesday 20. Ther. at 10° above 0. A bright sun, but a cold blustering day. No thawing. Temperance meeting in evening flatted out. No speaker.
On weather & seasons.

Wednesday 21. Ther. at 7° above 0. Another clear, cold, windy day. George Smith here from South Hadley—brought Rebecca & Sarah Brown, who are attending the South Hadley School, & his sister Irene. He returned—the three girls married.
Letter from Sylvester. — Aurora Borealis in evening.

Thursday 22. Ther. 10° above 0. Beautiful twilight & a brilliant sun, but still cold, though a little milder. No thawing. Fine sleighing where the paths are trodden. Went with the Brown girls (of Templeton) to see the splendid icicles under the aqueduct, the silk factory by South St. bridge, &c. They went over to Mr. Johnson's about noon, & Apphia, & Irene Smith, with them. Brother Parsons & sister Irene here P.M.

Friday 23. Ther. 6° below 0—coldest morning this winter. Pleasant day. Thawed a little about noon. Ther. went up to 34° at 1 o'clock. Obtained the late Joseph Clarke's remarks on weather for 40 years. Hear blue jays scream.

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- Saturday 24. Ther. at 8° above 0. Another cold day, partly cloudy. no thawing. Brother Johnson here. Brought home Apphia. Anson Chapman here. Gave with Chapman a quitclaim deed of a strip of land to Dr. Hooker.
- Sunday 25 Ther. at 0 at sunrise. Jays screaming at sunrise. Sun bright. A cold, windy day - some clouds. No thawing. Most severe in meeting house of any Sunday this winter. Mr Wiley preached.
- Monday 26. Ther. at 9° above 0. Another cold day - some clouds. No thawing. Wrote to C. Parkman. Ther. in evening, at 9. 10 & 11 o'clock was at 4° above 0.
- Tuesday 27. Ther. at 5° below 0. Cold day - partly cloudy. Wind southerly. No thaw. On Weather & Seasons.
- Wednesday 28. Ther. at 2° below 0. Clear, sunshiny day, but little thaw, hardly any. Sleighing excellent, & people about pretty thick. Settled some accounts - long talk with Senator Wm Clark Jr about banks, &c. Sister Lyman & Theresa, brother Parsons, & others here. In evening was at Isaac Clark's - large party there. [Feb. a very cold month at Providence.]

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- Thursday 1. Ther. at 11° above 0. Clear & sunshine - Thawed some. Wind N.E. On Weather & Seasons. In evening at Temperance Meeting at Town Hall. - - - Crows out to-day, (in January they were about.)
- Friday 2. Ther. at 2° above 0. Pleasant, cool day. Thawed some. On Weather & Seasons. In evening, Apphia to a party at Isaac Clark's.
- Saturday 3. Ther. at 24° above 0. Some clouds, but mostly clear. Thawed considerably. Warmest day since January. Some water in the roads. Weather in February - in Waltham, published in Boston Centinel. Average temperature at sunrise $10\frac{1}{2}$ degrees - average temperature at sunrise, 2 P.M. & 9 P.M. $16\frac{2}{3}$. The coldest February for 30 years, except 1836. The average of February 1836 was $16\frac{46}{100}$. In 1828 it was 36 degrees; in 1837 23 degrees, at sunrise, 2. & 9. Except 3 out 4 days, the wind blew from N.W. every day in February - some days very strongly. - - - The weather here was very similar to that at Waltham - The average at sunrise by my Thermometer was $8\frac{3}{4}$, or $1\frac{1}{4}$ below Waltham. Other Thermometers were perhaps as high as that at Waltham. ^{on 4 days only, by the Thermom. above 32° .} at 2 P.M. at W. viz 8, 9, 11 & 13th. 37° highest.
- Sunday 4 Thermom. 9° above 0. Though much colder in the morning, the day was about as thawy as yesterday. Mr Wiley preached.
- Monday 5. Ther. at 12° above 0. Cloudy & some smoky in morning. Blue jays out. Wind N.E. In afternoon, snowed 1 inch, then rained & continued in evening. Ther. 36 to 38° . Settling accounts, &c. Called to see Mr. Wiley about Mrs Phelps (widow of Luke.)
- Tuesday 6. Ther. at 34° at sunrise - 48° at 1 P.M. 34° at 10 P.M. Thawed still more. Slippery walking. Wind N.W. Bees out some. Clear & Pleasant day. On business chiefly in village. Paid some debts. Duel at Washington makes much talk.

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- Wednesday 7. Ther. 33°. Cloudy. It rained & snowed sparingly most of the day. About an inch of snow collected. Wind N. chiefly - some N.E.
Thermom. 39° at 1 P.M. 34° at 10 P.M.
Canada affairs occupy public attention - those wretched Americans, misnamed patriots, seem to have been entirely thwarted on the frontiers & dispersed. A set of thieves & vagabonds with probably some honest men.
- Thursday 8. Ther. at 34°. Cloudy. Snowed some P.M. and evening, 3 inches. Wind N.E.
{" at 38. 2 P.M. }
{" at 32. 10 P.M. } On Weather & seasons, &c. Sloppy walking.
- Friday 9. Ther. at 30°. Cloudy & sunshine. Wind E. most of day - then N.
{" at 41 at 2 P.M. }
{" at 36 at 10 P.M. } Sloppy. Sleighs run well yet.
Paid Mr. State for 50 qts of milk \$2.00. New acct. began yesterday.
- Saturday 10. Ther. at 36°. Mostly clear, some clouds. Thawed much. Wind N.W.
{" at 46 at 2 P.M. }
{" at 36 at 10 P.M. } Sloppy. Sleighing grows poor - ground appears.
Recd. \$40 from Geo. A. Dwight (by S.W. Kirkland) for my dividend of 4 percent on Boston & Prov. Rail Road stock, due Jan. 21.
I have now received 80, or 8 percent for 1 year's dividends on the Stock.
- Sunday 11. Ther. at 33°. Mostly cloudy, some sun, 3/4 of day. Last 1/4 of day clear. Wind S.E.
{" at 44 at 2 P.M. }
{" at 33 at 10 P.M. } Thawing as days past. Sleighs out.
Mr. Mitchell preached all day. In evening wrote to Sylvester and gave letter to Mr. Huntington. Also sent to Boston by Mr. H. the diaries of Mr. Hale.
- Monday 12. Ther. at 26°. Fine, fair day. Wind from N. to E. chiefly N.E.
{" at 50 at 2 P.M. }
{" at 32 at 10 P.M. } Snow wasted fast. Evening very clear & pleasant.
Spent some time in getting signatures to petition against rum-selling; also some time on H.T. Hooker's affairs.
- Tuesday 13. Ther. at 22°. Clear & pleasant day. Wind N. and N.E. till 10 or 11 o'clock A.M. then S. & S.E., mostly S.E. till night or for 3/4 of day.
{" at 48 at 2 P.M. }
{" at 39 at 9 P.M. } Sleighing almost done; streets show much ground. Fields are yet almost entirely covered with snow. Some bare spots.
Time as yesterday, on petition & H.T. Hooker's matter. Evening bright.
- Wednesday 14. Ther. at 26° at sunrise. Wind N.E. morning; then E. chiefly & some N.E. till night.
{" at 48 at 2 P.M. }
{" at 36 at 9 P.M. } Another pleasant day. Walking sloppy & muddy.
Clouds in S.W. before sunset & some after, the usual precursor of a N.E. storm. Evening clear.
On Weather & seasons, H.T. Hooker's affairs &c.
- Thursday 15. Ther. at 34° at sunrise. Cloudy. Wind N.E. in morning. Soon partially cleared
{" at 53 at 2 P.M. } and in P.M. was nearly clear. Before noon, there
{" at 39 at 10 P.M. } was a splendid halo round the sun, for an hour or two.
Clouds were cirrus, or wane's tails. Wind continuing N.E.
* Bluebirds seen & heard yesterday & to-day. Blackbirds & a robin to-day.
Bees all out. No sleighs. In evening stars dim, & clouds S.W.
Employed on Hooker's affairs &c. In evening, attended lecture of Dr. Hall on Clouds & Storms. Wrote to children at Hartford.
- Friday 16. Ther. at 34° at sunrise. Wind N.E. all day. Some sunshine, A.M. Cloudy most of the day.
{" at 50 at 2 P.M. }
{" at 40 at 9 P.M. } Bluebirds, blackbirds, robins & one or two others are noisy in the morning.
Business in South St. &c. Looked at house with Isaac Clark. Staid an hour or two at C. Clark's.
- Saturday 17. Ther. at 36° at sunrise. Still Cloudy & Wind N.E. - so all day.
{" at 41 at 2 P.M. }
{" at 35 at 10 P.M. } No storm but unpleasant.
On business chiefly. Gave note to John Clarke for account \$34.36.
* Bluebirds appeared at Waltham 14th.

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- Sunday 18. Ther. at 35° at sunrise. Highwind from N.E. during night, & continues
" at 36° at 2 P.M. } To day. Cloudy-Sun not seen. Snowed little today (1/2 inch)
" at 32° at 9 P.M. }
Mr. Wiley preached A.M. Mr. Smith of Williamstown P.M.
No sleighs out, & but few waggons. Meeting rather thin.
- Monday 19. Ther. at 32° at sunrise. Still cloudy & wind N.E. in morning. Partially
" at 46° at 2 P.M. } clears at 8. A.M. Birds sing lively. Entirely clear at
" at 42° at 9 P.M. } 9. Very pleasant day. Wind N.E. in A.M. - in N.W. in P.M.
Little after sunset, clouds in S.W. and wind turns to W.
Town meeting. I did not go near them. Talk with O. Warner at house.
Was on Meteorology, &c. Some for H.T.H.
- Tuesday 20. Ther. at 34° at sunrise. Haze or thin clouds in forenoon. Wind W.
" at 54° at 2 P.M. } Clear, & very pleasant at 1 P.M. Wind W. and
at 36° at 10 P.M. } towards night N.W. Haze in S.W. at sunset.
On H.T. Hooker's affairs most of the day.
The streets are becoming dry. The snow gradually disappears from
the lots, though they are far from being bare. The hills & mountains
around are still considerably white.
In the evening was at H.K. Starkweather's. Wife unwell and
could not go. Large party there. Came home at 10 or a little after.
- Wednesday 21. Ther. at 36° at sunrise. Cloudy, & wind N.E. Snowed $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours in large
" at 45° at 2 P.M. } flakes, which soon melted. Became clear
" at 34° at 9 P.M. } mostly, at 1 P.M. Wind N.E. Clouds in S.W. at sunset
Wrote letter to H.T. Hooker & spent some hours on his affairs.
In evening attended debate in the Town Hall on the Rights of
Women. They almost all used assertion instead of argument.
Hall was full - about half females.
- Thursday 22. Ther. at 28° at sunrise. Overcast with apparent clouds but the sun at
" at 50° at 2 P.M. } 8 o'clock shone through, as through smoke. Wind N.E.
" at 41° at 9 P.M. } Sun shone through this vapor or smoke all day. Wind
changed to N.W. and then to S.E. when it remained. Halo
before noon. Evening cloudy. No smoke near the earth.
Splitting Wood, &c.
Brother Smith here to dinner.
- Friday 23. Ther. at 37° at sunrise. Cloudy & smoky. Wind S.E. Sun not seen to day.
" at 46° at 2 P.M. } Latter part of the day, wind inclined to S. and at
" at 39° at 9 P.M. } sundown & in evening it was S.S.W.
Splitting wood, &c. In afternoon attended a Beet-Sugar Meeting
in Town Hall. Mr. Childs, who has visited France, made an address.
- Saturday 24. Ther. at 36° at sunrise. Cloudy & smoky - could not see vane it was so smoky.
" at 58° at 2 P.M. } Wind S. and a little W. of S. At 10, sun shone through the
" at 55° in the wind } haze &c. and wind veered to W. Afternoon partially
" at 44° at 9 P.M. } clear - light, high clouds - Sun shone - strong wind from W. & N.W.
but still warm. At sunset, clear, & pleasant. Wind W.
Evening clear - Stars very bright.
Splitting Wood & on Meteorology. Wild geese said to have gone N.
- Sunday 25. Ther. at 29° at sunrise. Clear & pleasant. Wind N.E. At 8 A.M. wind
" at 45° at 2 P.M. } turned to N.W. and at 5 P.M. to W. Very clear day.
" at 41° at 9 P.M. } After sunset, clouds in S. & S.W.
Mr. Wiley preached all day. Phobes heard today.
- Monday 26. Ther. at 31° at sunrise. Wind N.E. & some E. At 1 P.M. changed to N.W.
" at 51° at 2 P.M. } Fair day, with flying clouds. Distant sounds & objects quite
" at 36° at 9 P.M. } distinct. Sky deeper blue than usual. Evening clear & bright.
Snow is almost gone in the lots &c. here, but shows itself some
on the hills & mountains around us. Streets here almost dry,
but roads bad generally. Snow has gone by the sun - not by rain.
About Wood & Meteorology.
To-day there was a great beautiful variety of curl clouds or snarled
tails, passing from N. to S. - indications of a storm.

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Tuesday 27. Ther. at 33° at sunrise. Overcast with clouds or haze. Wind N.E. Sun
 " at 34 at 2 P.M. } shone through the "overcast" 2 or 3 hours - & then
 " at 30 at 9 P.M. } was obscured. In the afternoon & evening it
 snowed gently from the E. and N.E. About an
 inch of snow gathered. It grew cool.

Brother Parsons & all attend here to dinner. Brother P. being on the jury
 remained here at night.

Wednesday 28. Ther. at 28° at sunrise. Continuous cloudy. Wind E. & towards noon S.E.
 " at 38 at 2 P.M. } In afternoon & evening, fresh wind from S.
 " at 29 at 9 P.M. } grows cool. Thaws but little to-day.

Court week, but no court. Judge Sewell.

Cousin Samuel Edwards here several hours. Brother Parsons here.

Thursday 29. Ther. at 30 at sunrise - Still cloudy. Wind S.E. Snowed from 6 to 10
 " at 40 at 2 P.M. } about 1 1/2 inch, from S.E. At 11 wind veered to N.E.
 " at 33 at 9 P.M. } In afternoon wind was N. In evening it became
 very clear. Wind N.W. Stars bright.

Oren Kingley here - settled with him.

I received of him July 4. \$100. Interest to this date 4.42 - 104.42
 I " of him as July 1. 8 cords wood - 24.50
 I had of him Apples and potatoes last season - 1.76
 Interest on part of wood - 1.87

I now gave up - a produce Note dated 1833 - \$131.55
 for \$50, on which was due \$6.73 - 6.73
 I gave up note dated Nov. 10. 1836 for 30 - Interest 2.48 - 32.48
 I " note dated Jan. 13. 1838 for 67 - Interest .85 - 67.85
 I endorsed on his Note of May 3. 1836 - 24.49

Brother Parsons continued here. Court in session.

In the evening attended a beet-sugar meeting in Town Hall.

Friday 30. Ther. 22° at sunrise. Some clouds & some sunshine with wind at
 " 46 at 2 P.M. } N. and E. and W. till 9 o'clock. Though cold, and
 " 44 in the N.W. wind } ground covered with snow, the birds were very musical
 " 36 at 9 P.M. } at sunrise. After 9 wind was N.W. and it was
 A thawing day with fresh N.W. wind. } more clear, but many light flying clouds going South.
 Clouds fleecy. Distant objects very clear & distinct
 Most of the recent snows melted to-day here. Hills around still white.

Letter from H.T. Hooker. Wrote to Dr. Wm Hooker. Bro. Parsons went home
 On Meteorology, &c.

Saturday 31. Ther. 28° at sunrise. Clear & pleasant. Wind N.W. In forenoon
 " 46 at 2 P.M. } no clouds. In afternoon many fleecy clouds passed to the south.
 " 34 at 9 P.M. } Atmosphere quite clear. Evening bright

Wrote to Dr. Wells, Attica. A squall or altercation in Girls School to-day.
 On Meteorology &c.

[See Temperature of March at end of April, for this place]

Remarks. The winter as a whole was mild & the quantity of
 snow small - The Thermometer (min) fell only to 6° below 0.
 In Pleasant Sheet, the Ther. went 4 or 5 degrees lower; while the
 weather was moderate here, it was severe in some parts of
 the Middle & Western States, and in England, France and
 other countries of Europe.
 March has been unusually mild & uniform - The thermometer
 seldom rising above 50, & remaining below 32° or the freezing point
 but a small portion of the time. We have had but little of the
 cold March wind.

Barometer (Dr. Hall's) It stood above 30 inches at 11 o'clock a.m.
 the 2, 3, 4, 10, 13, 14, 17, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28 of March - Between
 29 1/2 & 30 inches on 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24 of March
 Below 29 1/2 inches March 29 & 30, & a trifle over 29 1/2 March 31.

Dartmouth College - March } Mild winter, 4 or 5 degrees milder than 3 preceding winters; included Nov & Dec
 at sunrise 24, 25, average Temp } Mercury below 0, 2 observations - 1836, 7, 53 obs. = 20.35, 6, 67 obs.
 at 1 1/2 " 44, 55 } 32-84 } snow since Nov. 15. 2 1/2 feet = 30 winters of 36-7, 6 feet = 20 35, 6, 9 feet
 at 9 " 20, 19 } } snow at Waltham 58 inches, at
 at 12 " 20, 19 } } at N. 20 in Nov. Dec. 10 in Jan. Feb. 12 in Mar. Nov

Waltham, where temp. of March 33.66. } snow at Waltham 58 inches, at

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Sunday 1. Mr. Wiley all day. House pretty well filled. Sacrament
Isaac Clark wife here in evening.

Monday 2. Much talk about the Girls School and the quarrel or contest between Miss Smith, teacher, & the Committee.
Parish meeting to day - I did not attend.
Town meeting to day - I did not attend.
The Girls School was a subject of warm debate in the town-meeting.

Letter from H. T. Hooker. Brother Johnson here.

Tuesday 3. License day. Red, running faces very plenty. Renewed Note at the Bank for \$200, given Jan 2. Date of new note April 3. but to be considered as 5th. Received dividend at Bank on 7 shares at 3 percent, \$21.

Widow Orvil Kingsley here most of the day, and I was writing for her, and aiding her, all afternoon & evening.

Wednesday 4. Was on H. T. Hooker's affairs most of the day. Brother Parsons and Matthews here to dinner. Wrote a letter to H. T. H.

Thursday 5 State Fast. In the forenoon both societies met in Edwards Church & Mr. Mitchell preached. In the afternoon, both societies in old meeting house, & Mr. Wiley preached. People turned out pretty well for a fast day. Wrote to Dr. Flint about H. T. H's matters.

Friday 6. Temperance makes much talk. The tavern keepers & rummies are in great wrath at the bill passed by house of representatives, prohibiting all licenses to sell ardent spirits, except as a medicine. The hard times, (a term which has been used almost every year from time immemorial), are as hard as ever for men in business - and harder for farmers than last year. The cattle feeders have lost most of the produce consumed by their cattle. Wool continues low & not much sale. Money is scarcer now so than last year. And the banks are drawing in & preparing to resume specie payments.

Saturday 7. In Maple Street with Isaac Clark at office &c. Wrote to E. B. Osborne, Danbury, Conn. Some people ploughing yesterday & today.

1. Ther. 25° at sunrise } Wind N.W.
" 47° at 1 o'clock } with short vari-
36° at 9 P.M. } at times to W & S.E.

Forenoon clear except thin elongated clouds in S.W. In afternoon, the same kind of clouds (perhaps cirro-stratus) were moving towards S.E. from all parts - most of them high, curly, mask-like backs, &c. In the evening the same thin clouds, fibrous & gossamer-like - were in all parts. The moon & stars shone through them. At 9, there was a halo about the moon. At 10, no clouds to be seen except near the Southern horizon. Moon & stars bright. Wind still N.W.

2. Ther. 28° at sunrise } Wind remains N.W.
44° at 1 P.M. } Clear, but cool,
32° at 9 P.M. } & light clouds passing from NW to S.E. These fleecy clouds were larger & more numerous in the afternoon, & the wind was strong. Day rather unpleasant. At 9, evening the sky was nearly clear of clouds, and moon & stars bright.

Barometer for 5 days (with today) at 11 has stood at from 29.4 to 29.6 indicating a light or rare atmosphere with considerable vapor. During these days the atmosphere has been more transparent than usual, sky a deeper blue, &c.

3. Ther. 32° at sunrise } Wind N.W.
" 39° at 1 P.M. } Clouds, small
34° at 9 P.M. } & great, were all day passing from NW to S.E. and overspread most of the sky - Sun shone now & then but not long at a time. Wind was strong, & the day cold & uncomfortable. At 9 evening, the high, thin, gauze like clouds were coming where. Barometer at 11 A.M. - 29.45

4. Ther. 30° at sunrise } Barom. 29.59
" 51° at 1 P.M. } Wind N.W.
42° at 9 P.M. } Very clear, pleasant day. Toward night thin, curly, feathery clouds rose in abundance from S.W. in the upper current & passed towards N.E. in all irregular forms, and apparently thin as a spider's web. In the evening, a halo about the moon.

5. Ther. 27° at sunrise } Wind S.W. Co.
57° at 1 P.M. } Wind P.M. N.W.
44° at 9 P.M. } & some in W. Clear, fine day. Not a cloud all day. In evening, thin, very light clouds in upper current, and halo about moon. Barometer at 11 A.M. - 29.87.

6 Ther. 30° at sunrise } Barom. 29.30
66° at 1 P.M. } Wind S.W. S.E.
32° at 9 P.M. } and some S.E. In P.M. Wind W. After 4 o'clock Wind N.W. Light high clouds some. Atmosphere not clear. Appearance of smoke. Roads dry & dusty. Warmest day this year. Some snow on hills & ground. Sun shone all day. Evening cloudy. Moon obscured.

7 Ther. 41° at sunrise } Barom. 29.96
66° at 1 P.M. } Wind at sunrise N.
43° at 9 P.M. } at 8 changed to E. In the morning, clouds passed from E to W. while wind below was N. After 8 the wind blew same as a breeze, viz. E. with slight variations to S.E. - and sky became free from clouds. P.M. wind E. and not a cloud. Evening, wind S.E. & no clouds. Moon & stars bright.

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Sunday 8. Prof. Hitchcock preached all day.

Streets dusty & dry.

Monday 9. Wrote a letter to President Allen of Bowdoin College, about his ancestors in Northampton.

In evening an eclipse of the moon about 7 digits. I never saw so fine a partial eclipse of the moon. The sky was cloudless, the atmosphere clear, & all nature serene. — Was at C. Starkweather's part of the evening with A. C. Clark.

Tuesday 10. Part of the day, engaged in preparing a history of the Lyman's for Judge Lyman. Much talk today with several persons about banks, &c.

Wednesday 11. About village for H. T. Hooker, &c.

Brothers Parsons & Matthews & wife here to dinner and tea.

Evening, a short Lecture by Mr. Fisher.

Paid cousin Samuel Edwards

\$9.45 for 1/2 of repairs & additions to the parsonage in W. H. Too bad!

Thursday 12 On history of the Lyman's &c.

Brother Smith here to dinner. He

has purchased a farm at S. Deerfield.

Began to have Milk of E. Graves.

Paid up Mrs. Slate.

Friday 13. Letter from Sylvester —

Brother Johnson & wife here. Paid him \$2.62 for repairs on my old cooking stove; he to use the stove for a year from last fall for his trouble in getting stove fixed.

Saturday 14. On various matters at stores, &c.

Preparing to send apples, letter &c. to Sylvester.

Letter from H. T. Hooker. He is about to leave Brockport & return to his father's at W. Hampton.

Much ploughing done this week, on uplands, and some in meadow.

Sunday 15. Mr Wiley all day.

In evening, writing to Sylvester.

8th.

Ther. 26° at sunrise, and white frost
56 at 1 P.M.
44 at 9 P.M. } Wind in E. till 10 o'clock.
Clear & pleasant. After 10 wind S. E. & abundance of high cirrus clouds passing from S. W. to N. E. At noon a thick gathering in S. W. and at 3 o'clock all the heavens clouded over. Sun not seen after this. Wind S. E. till night. Evening cloudy. — Barom. 29.929th
Ther. 40° at sunrise } Cloudy. some rain
48 at 1 P.M. } fell last night.
36 at 10 P.M. } Barom. at 11 — 29.50
Wind in forenoon, N. E. — E. — S. — S. W.
No rain. At 2 o'clock clouds dispersed and afternoon was clear & pleasant. Wind W. & a little N. W. and atmosphere transparent. Evening bright. Clouds arose from S. W. about 11 o'clock.10 Ther. 40° at sunrise } Cloudy. Some rain
45 at 1 P.M. } fell last night here,
36 at 9 P.M. } and snow in highlands around.
Wind W. clouds cleared away at 8. Cool. Grass begins to look green in some places. Between 10 & 11 clouds began to pass over & continued all day, many of them large & dark. Wind continued W. & some W. N. W. and was pretty strong. The day uncomfortable. Evening very clear. Barom. at 11 A.M. was 29.5411. Ther. 29° at sunrise } Barom. 29.70
42 at 1 P.M. } Cloudy. Cool.
35 at 9 P.M. } Wind in forenoon turned from S. W. to S. and on to E. and to N. E. In afternoon it turned to N. and then to N. W. Rained a little towards night. In evening clouds dispersed and it was very clear. Frogs, it is said, peeped last night. Hardly 9 o'clock bell very distinct.12 Ther. 27° at sunrise } white frost.
40 at 1 P.M. } Low fog came on
32 at 9 P.M. } at sunrise.
At 7 all was clear & pleasant. Wind N. W. (except a little N. and N. E. till towards night then W. Many fleecy clouds passed to the South. Atmosphere clear — Barom. 29.90 Stars bright in evening.13 Ther. 33° at sunrise } Barom. at 11 — 29.97
53 at 1 P.M. } Overcast with haze
37 at 9 P.M. } till 10 o'clock. Then partly hazy & partly thin, high whitish clouds, & partly sky. Strong Wind from S. W. Hail from S. W. Afternoon mostly cloudy. After 3 o'clock wind turned to W. then to N. W. and in evening was in N. E. Evening dark, & snowed a little.14 Ther. 29 at sunrise } Barom. as yet 29.98
40 at 1 P.M. } Cloudy. It snowed
28 at 9 P.M. } about an inch in forenoon. Wind N. and towards noon N. E. Cool. Clouds dispersed soon after 12. Clear till Wind N. E. first half of P.M. and N. W. 2nd half. Evening clear & cool. — Wind N. W.15 Ther. 20° at sunrise } Coldest since March 5.
47 at 1 P.M. } Clear & pleasant.
36 at 9 P.M. } Wind S. E. in morning; then S. W. all rest of day and pretty strong. About noon haze gathered in S. W. and increased, & before night the heavens were covered with clouds. Afternoon cool & uncomfortable. Evening dark. Barom. 29.80 Cloud off at 11.

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Monday 16. Finished letter to Lydster, & put up a box of apples, &c. to send to him by team. Wrote to Col. Hooker.

Tuesday 17. Received letter from Hartford. Did some business for H.T. Hooker. On Meteorology. At Isaac Clark's in evening.

Wednesday 18. On Meteorology. Theresa Lyman here. Went with her to Mottitchell's, & he examined her for keeping school. The Banks—have been one important subject of discussion for a year past, and continue to be so, in almost all companies. It is difficult raising money.

Thursday 19. Wrote to J. Walker, & other children. Did some business for H.T. Hooker. On Meteorology. Much talk about the new law against Rum-selling Tavern keepers & enemies in great wrath.

Friday 20. Wrote to son C. Packman. On Meteorology. & splitting wood. George Lyman here in afternoon.

Saturday 21. Jesse Lyman here on business, and sat several places on business. Split wood.

Sunday 22. An Amherst professor in forenoon, and a Sunday School agent in afternoon. Vegetation has not advanced much, but has started to day. Grass is green about buildings & in rich places, but has not grown much. Winter grain looks well. Elm & ~~some~~ trees & a few others have changed their color some. Lilack buds are opening a little. At night a bat appeared. Frogs musical.

Monday 23. I am this day 49 years old. Wrote two short communications for Temperance Commissioners. Business with Huntington, Bates, Col. Ward, & others.

Tuesday 24. About village business with several persons. Did some writing for widow Orril Kingsley. Let Col. Ward have a letter from Bennett of Albany. At Isaac Clark's, Maple Street, in evening.

16. Ther. 25° at Sunrise } Barom. 30.05
28 at 9 A.M. }
32 at 1 P.M. } Wind strong
34 at 3 P.M. } from N. with
24 at 7 P.M. } variation to N.E. & W.
25 at 9 P.M. }
Clear & sun bright, but cold & windy. Coldest day since March 1. Wind N.W. latter part of day & evening. No thawing in shade to day.

17. Ther. 19° at Sunrise } Barom. 30.25
44 at 1 P.M. } In forenoon many
34 at 10 P.M. } high, cirrus clouds.
Soon after noon, other clouds obscured the sky & shut out the sun. Wind in forenoon N.W.—N.E.—E.—S.E. but mainly E. & S.E. Wind P.M. from S.E. to S.W.—mostly S. A little rain & hail towards night. Evening dark. An unpleasant day.

18. Ther. 35° at Sunrise } Barom. at 11. 29.62
48 at 1 P.M. } Cloudy & a little
50 at 9 P.M. } rain or mist.
Wind A.M. S. and S.E. or mostly S. S.E. Wind P.M. just half S.W. & half S. Very little rain till evening—then rainy. moderate rain through the night.

19. Ther. 46° at Sunrise } Barom. 29.48
56 at 1 P.M. } Cloudy
38 at 9 P.M. }
Wind A.M. N.W. and N. Wind P.M. N.W. Sun shone out several times, but not an hour all day. No rain.

20. Ther. 29° at Sunrise } Barom. 29.86
38 at 1 P.M. } Fair with flying
30 at 9 P.M. } clouds.
Cool wind from W. with slight variations. A cold day. Very little thawing in the shade. Evening clear & cold.

21. Ther. 21° at Sunrise } Barom. 30.07
46 at 1 P.M. } Clear & pleasant
42 at 9 P.M. }
Wind in A.M. hardly perceptible, but more variable than any day that I have observed. It went from N.W. round to E. and by degrees back to N.W. & then to W. with other variations. It was mostly N.W. & W. Wind in P.M. was W. till towards night then it was S.W. & clouds from S.W. covered the sky. Evening cloudy.

22. Ther. 35° at Sunrise } Barom. 29.56
66 at 1 P.M. } Overcast with
50 at 9 P.M. } thin clouds till 9 o'clock then Clear.
Wind S.W. till 7 o'clock then S. till noon
Wind P.M. was N.W. or more correctly — W. & W. (with S.W. & S.E.) Cloudy mostly P.M. with occasional Sunshine & dispersion of clouds. Evening clear. To-day about as warm as April 6. N.B. Two warm afternoons this spring had wind W. and N.W.

23. Ther. 30° at Sunrise } Barom. 29.90
45 at 1 P.M. } Clear & cold
36 at 9 P.M. }
Wind brisk from N.E. (some N.) A.M. Wind " " N.W. (some N.) P.M. Some light high clouds P.M. from N.W. to S.E. At 9 evening, Cloudy and wind N.E. The day has been cold & disagreeable.

24. Ther. at 28° at Sunrise } Barom. 30.03
42 at 1 P.M. } Cloudy & cold
31 at 9 P.M. } Cold Wind N.E. in A.M. In afternoon Wind mostly S.W. Afternoon mostly Clear. Evening Clear. An uncomfortable day—cold.

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Wednesday 25. It freezes so hard nights that farmers find it difficult to plough and harrow.

Brothers Matthews & Parsons, sisters Irene and Drusilla here. Attended a Sabbath School (county) meeting in afternoon. Talk with several about Temperance Commissioners. Two steam boats from England have arrived at New York - a new era in commerce. The Sirius 700 tons came from Cork in 18 days - arrived evening of 22d - came up to the city the 23d. The Great Western 1340 tons came from Bristol in 15 days - came up to city the 23d. On the 23d the Banks in New York resumed specie payment after a suspension of $1\frac{1}{2}$ months. Some of the Boston Banks pay specie for \$5 and under. These things excite attention & talk.

Thursday 26. On a reference to adjust a land dispute between Lewis and Henry Shepherd. Rode with Isaac Shelden and Chauncy Clark (the other referees) to near Bank Wigwam. The grass land in Rainbow & elsewhere all brown & most of it dry - no green on sward lands. In the evening attended a Temperance meeting of a few at Mr. Williston's office. Much spring wheat sowing & sown.

Friday 27. Mr. Bacon son of ----- Bacon Esq. of Litchfield here to inquire about the Hatfield Hubbard family of former days. Letter from Sylvester C. Parkman.

Saturday 28. C. Parkman came home about noon - came on foot most of the way from New Haven.

Hear that brother Hooker & family arrived at Westhampton on the 26th.

Sunday 29. Mr. Wiley absent. Professor Tyler again. Sunday School reorganized to day. 9 put into my class.

A colonization agent at Unitarian meeting house in evening & last Sunday.

Vegetation started some to day. The leaf buds of lilac & honeysuckle have opened, wholly or in part.

25. Ther. 19° at sunrise. Cold & white frost.
 54 at 1 P.M.
 42 at 9 P.M. } Wind N.E. A.M.
 Clear, A.M. Thin clouds or haze P.M.
 Sun shone through the haze most of the time.
 Thick gathering in S.W. towards night.
 Wind P.M. was S.W. S.E. & S.
 Rather disagreeable day. Evening clearing.
 Barometer at 11 — 30.06.

26. Ther. 36° at sunrise. Baroms. 29.74
 44 at 1 P.M.
 44 at 9 P.M. } Cloudy and a little wet all day.
 Wind A.M. South, and mostly S.S.W.
 Wind P.M. S.S.E. and towards night it turned to N.W. & to N.
 Evening dark & wind N.E.
 Some mist to day, but no rain.

Sirius in crossing Atlantic from April 4 to 22, had Westerly winds (that is Wind of North & South) 13 days, and Easterly winds only 5 days. Of the Westerly winds 10 days were between W & N. & 3 days S.W. Of the Easterly winds 3 were between N & E one day E. and one day S.E. The wind was light 5 days, heavy or squally 8 days, & is not given 5 days as to its velocity. It rained 3 days, and snowed some on 2 days.

Great Western in crossing Atlantic from Bristol - from April 8. at 10 P.M. to 23d inclusive - 15 days, went from 169 to 243 miles a day, or 3173 miles in 15 days - or average $211\frac{1}{2}$ miles per day - to within 50 miles of city or harbor. Went 50 miles more to harbor of city. Wind West of N. & S. - 10 days - of these 4 were between W & N. 2 between W & S and 4 mixed. Wind East of N & S. 3 days - all from E to S. Wind some E & some W of N & S. 2 days. Moderate 5 days - strong wind or squally 3 days. Light wind 2 days - fine 1 day - all 15. All the East winds (both boats) were previous to the 16th - 16th and after, winds were westerly.

27. Ther. 42° at sunrise. Baroms. 29.72
 58 at 1 P.M.
 44 at 9 P.M. } Cloudy. no rain.
 Wind in forenoon went round from N. to E. and S.E. and on to N.W. Mostly S.E. Wind P.M. was N.W. and W. N.W. Clouds dispersed in afternoon, and towards night & evening Clear.

28. Ther. 37° at sunrise. Barom 29.80
 58 at 2 P.M.
 46 at 9 P.M. } Became Cloudy soon after sunrise.
 Wind E.P.M. then S. then S.E. most of forenoon & till after 2 o'clock P.M. Light & before 3 P.M. Wind was N.E. and it became mostly Clear.
 Towards night thick gathering in S.W. Evening some clouds & haze. Wind N.E.

29. Ther. 47° at sunrise. Baroms. 29.76
 68 at 1 P.M.
 72 at 4 P.M.
 74 at 9 P.M. } Warmest day this year.
 Cloudy & Wind N.E. till about noon. Then broke away & Wind S.E. at 4 Wind S.W. and at 6 Wind N.W. Evening Wind N.W. Many flying clouds in afternoon.

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Monday 30. Trading some - on Algebra } 30 Ther. 39° at sunrise } Barom. 29.86
 some - for Temperance Commissioners } 48 at 1 P.M. } Wind W. N. W.
 some - George & many Hockanum } 42 at 9 P.M. } almost all day,
 paid me \$12.10 for Arithusa. } Many flying clouds. Evening clear, and
 Aurora Borealis.

The Season. April has been cold month, & dry. Vegetation has hardly begun. Grass is green in most homelots, but it is not high enough for a bite. Trees have attended but little, & none are green, except some shrubs near buildings. Gardening generally not yet begun. Streets rather dusty. Streams low. No flood this spring.

Comparison of March & April - that is, omitting 5 first days in March. Average.
 Ther at Sunrise March 26 days 31½° April 30 days 31½° } April was warmer than March
 " " 2 or 1 P.M. 45° 49½° } at 1 & 9 P.M., and including the
 " " 10 or 9 P.M. 36° 39° } 5 first days, was ~~warmer~~ at sunrise.
 { Average of the 26 days - 37½° - of April 40° } warmer. But April has been cold
 { and Thermometer in too warm a place perhaps }

At Wattham Average of April was 40° - coldest April for over 20 years.
 April was a cold month in Europe.

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mean Temp. 1837. 38.4 = do 1836. 36.9 = do 1835. 37.6
 at 11.
 { Day College - mean temp at sunrise 26.9 } average
 { Very cold April. } at 1½ - 42.6 } 34.17
 { } at 9½ - 32.93 }

Tuesday 1. Mostly employed about Temperance Commissioners. A circular of the H. Temp. Society with my name to it & other, was printed, without my seeing it - to aid in the choice of Temp. Com. rs. I put a stop to it after some had been sent out - had an altercation with some of my brethren - will never permit my name to be used without seeing what is over it - I erand some lines & paragraphs, & then sent it to the printer again. - Attended a Temperance meeting in the evening.
 A disorderly, noisy mob training to day.

1. Ther. 34° at Sunrise } Barom. 30.10
 58 at 1 P.M. } to clear & pleasant.
 45 at 9 P.M. } Wind N. W. most of the day.
 2. Ther. 34° at Sunrise } Barom. 29.95
 69° at 1 P.M. } In forenoon
 40° at 9 P.M. } thin high clouds; in P.M.
 clouds grew thicker & obscur-
 ed the Sun. Evening Cloudy.
 Wind N.E. 1st half of A.M.
 " S.E. 2nd half of A.M.
 " S.W. & mostly S. P.M.

Wednesday 2. Some farmers planting corn May 182d.
 Occupied with Subject of Comrs. &c.
 Evening, at Dr Hall's Lecture on Storms, &c.

3. Ther. 44° at Sunrise } Barom. 29.59
 50° at 1 P.M. } Wind N.E.
 39 at 9 P.M. } Cloudy - some rain last night,
 and some in forenoon, North P.M.
 After sunset the clouds dispersed,
 and evening was clear. Wind Dr.

Thursday 3. On Algebra, &c. A difficult question.
 Sent a bundle by team for Sylvester.

4. Ther. 30° at Sunrise } Barom 29.70
 55 at 1 P.M. } White frost
 43 at 9 P.M. } and fog.
 Cloudy after fog - little sun shining
 Wind in forenoon, 1st part N. last part E.
 Do in afternoon, E. & some E.N.E.
 Cloudy also in evening & Wind N.E.

Friday 4. In afternoon rode to Easthampton with
 G.A. Dwight - did some business at
 Williston's store - bought buckwheat
 flour at the mill.

Saturday 5. Reading - trading, &c. The principal
 topics of talk are the steamboat explosion
 at Cincinnati & horrid destruction of
 lives, and the great fire at Charleston.

5 Ther. 40° at Sunrise } Barom 29.65
 42 at 1 P.M. } Wind E.N.E.
 44 at 9 P.M. } and mostly N.E.
 Rainy day & cool more rain
 than any day before this year.
 Evening Rainy.

Sunday 6 Mr Tyler preached all day.

6. Ther. 44° at Sunrise } Barom 29.40
 54 at 1 P.M. } Cloudy and
 48 at 9 P.M. } some rain A.M. Cleared off at
 3 P.M. Cloudy again before sunset
 Some rain in evening.
 Wind 1st N.N.E. then S.S.W.
 after 10 till night, except some S.E.

Sunday 7. Spent most of day in efforts for Temper-
 ance Commissioners. We succeeded better
 than our fears. Temperance Ticket
 had about 40 majority. Most of the num
 men were out. Taverners, &c. chopfallen.
 I distributed some tickets - a thing I never
 did before.

7 Ther. 42° at Sunrise } Barom 29.72
 61° at 1 P.M. } Fair with
 48 at 9 P.M. } many flying clouds. Wind in
 forenoon S.W. In P.M. Wind W.N.W.
 many clouds.

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Tuesday 8. Engaged about returns of votes for Commissioners sometime - Trade some - brother Smith here from South Deerfield - Miss P. Parsons here making dresses.

Paid Geo. Shepard yesterday \$70 for house rent - One year to April 10. 1838

Wednesday 9. Sent off a trunk to Arthur's by team.

Put in money I received for her April 30.

Vegetation - advances slowly. Salack, willow crab-apple, honey suckle & some other plants have opened their leaves & look green. Soft maple reddish and elms a greenish brown. Apricots show blossoms. Peaches show red buds, and English cherry buds are green.

Grass in mowings green, and in highways affords a good bite in some places.

Rode to Westhampton in afternoon with brother Parsons - through Easthampton. Staid at Dock Hooker's. Brother W. T. Hooker and family there to live. Ed. Wm. Hooker there on a visit.

Thursday 10. Went over to Oren Kingsley's, and down to Goucher's land which was mortgaged to my father. Staid at Kingsley's that night. His affairs in an unpromising way, I think.

Friday 11. Went to cousin Eleazar Judd's and dined there - then to John A. Judd's and A. Chapman's - took tea at Dr. Hooker's and walked down to Brother Parsons's in the evening.

Saturday 12. Left brother Parsons's between 9 and 10 and walked to Northampton - arrived about noon.

Vegetation in Westhampton. Grass in warm good pastures & mowings is green - in others brown. Hay scarce. No deciduous trees are green. Soft maples are red. Lilacs are green, but not much else. Some snow banks in W. H.

Barn swallows appeared there about May 2.

Vegetation here (N. H.) has advanced but little since 9th. Peach blossoms show themselves to-day, but not many are fully open.

Sunday 13. Mr Tyler preached again - the 4th Sabbath Mr Wiley still absent.

Monday 14. Planted cucumbers, beans & squashes. In afternoon went with C. Parker to brother Johnson's, Hockanum, and then we went & examined the huge basaltic or greenstone pillars of Mount Holyoke. Came home about 9 o'clock.

The deciduous forests of Holyoke & Tom are all brown - not a green tree.

Tuesday 15. Preparing a list of the hymns for lodge, hymn, &c.

Warmest day this season. Most all apple trees begin to look a little green. The brownish-green of the elms is greener. Currants in blossom. First blossoms on cherry & red plums, at 8.30.

8th. Ther. 38° at sunrise } Barom. 29.72
61 at 1 P.M. }
46 at 9 P.M. } Cloudy till

9 o'clock. then alternate clouds & sunshine till 4 o'clock. when it clouded over from S. W. and it rained some before and after sundown.

Wind in morning N.W. & round to N.E. - then S. and back to N.E. About 40° c. in S. again and before sundown round to N.W. More N.E. than any other point.

9th. Ther. 43° at sunrise } Barom. 29.66
53 at 1 P.M. }
49 at 9 P.M. } Cloudy, am

Wind A.M. was N.N.W. in morning and N.N.E. rest of A.M. & till 1 o'clock then N.E. After 3 or 4 o'clock S.W.

10th. Ther. 52° at sunrise } Barom. 29.70
63 at 1 P.M. }
50 at 9 P.M. } Mostly cloudy,

but some sunshine. Some seeds of rain. Towards night considerable rains.

Wind morning N.N.W. afternoon N.E. In afternoon some S.E. some S.W. In evening clear, & wind N.W.

11th. Ther. 48° at sunrise } Barom. 29.82
65 at 1 P.M. }
48 at 9 P.M. } Fair with many flying clouds. Wind N.N.W.

12th. Ther. 41° at sunrise } Barom. 29.74
66 at 1 P.M. }
54 at 9 P.M. } The Sun

shone, though partly obscured by light white clouds, in A.M.

Wind S.W. in forenoon Do - W.S.W. and W. in afternoon Clouds grew more dense in the afternoon, & sun was hidden most of the time. - Evening clear.

13th. Ther. 40° at sunrise } Barom. 29.72
64 at 1 P.M. }
53 at 9 P.M. } Clear & Pleasant.

Wind N.E. till 8 o'clock. then N.W. till night. Evening fair & wind N.

14th. Ther. 36° at sunrise } Barom. 30.02
66 at 1 P.M. }
52 at 9 P.M. } Clear & pleasant.

Wind at sunrise N. soon after N.E. when it remained till after 3 o'clock P.M. when it turned to S. & afterwards to S.E. Farmers call this the warmest day this season.

15th. Ther. 37° at sunrise } Barom. 30.14
60 at 1 P.M. }
74 at 4 P.M. }
57 at 9 P.M. } Clear & pleasant.

Wind S. in morning early - after 8 o'clock wind S.E. till 5 o'clock P.M. then W. S. again. At sundown thick haze in S - W. and N. & a reddish color above the haze. Evening wind S.

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Wednesday 16. Received money of Anson Chapman for interest, &c. Helped to make a barrel of soap. Had an altercation with Col Partridge.

This is the first-day that we have done without fire in the front room. Yesterday & day before we had fire morning & evening. C.P. & Apphia came from Col. Dwight's. They walked out there yesterday.

Thursday 17. Planted corn, potatoes, &c.

Occupied some hours about a debt that may be unsafe. Sent a packet of money & letters to Bro. Smith by Samuel Dunlap.

Red plum trees in full blossom. Peach trees about the same. But few peach trees alive except small ones. Cold winter previous to last killed them. Horse chestnut leaves fully opened.

Hall arrived from Hartford in the evening.

Friday 18. In afternoon, C.P. and Hall went to W. H. H. Miss Sarah H. Brown came from S. Hadley School towards night.

Saturday 19. C.P. and Hall started for Hartford (and C.P. goes on to N. Haven) about 11 A.M. in the Wagon that Hall came up in.

I paid C. Parkinson \$25 (besides \$1.50 & \$1.00) which makes \$100 I have let him have since he entered college.

Long talk with cousin John A. Judd. Letter from Sylvester. He has been sick but is recovering. He sent \$20 to pay debts he owes here. See 21st May - 1839

Sunday 20 Mr. Wiley all day. Glad to hear him again.

Warmest day as yet - First blossoms seen on apple trees - & very few of them. English cherry in full bloom.

In evening was at Isaac Clark's. Mr. Child, Mr. Whitcomb, Mr. Chapman and others there.

Monday 21. Paid several debts for Sylvester \$8.00. \$4.44. \$1.25 - 287. Wrote to E. Bloodgood, Greenwich, & Mr. Goodrich Anox, with bills.

Walked with Miss Brown & Apphia to Mr. Whitmarsh's premises.

Crab-apple first exhibited blows. Honey locust small leaves. Oaks on Round Hill begin to be green.

Tuesday 22. Planted corn, potatoes, squashes, &c.

Gave list of estate to Assessors.

Sarah H. Brown left us for S. Hadley.

A. Chapman paid more money.

I attended an auction. Bought nothing.

16. Ther. 44° at sunrise } Barom. 29.95
74 at 1 P.M.
74 at 4 P.M.
62 at 9 P.M. } Clear

except haze near the horizon as last night, or smoke - and reddish above it. Sun red. These remarks refer to the morning. Wind S.E. till about 1 P.M. then Wind S.S.W. & blew strong and much dust raised. After 5 Wind was S.S.E. and S. in evening. Haze made the sun dim at times, and sometimes clouds hid the sun. Evening hazy or cloudy. No stars seen.

17 Ther. 56° at sunrise } Barom. 29.70
70 at 10 A.M.
77 at 1 P.M.
77 at 5 P.M.
61 at 9 P.M. } Cloudy till nine o'clock then partially

cleared. Sun came out very warm. Clear with some clouds through the day. Wind S.E. till 9 o'clock, then S and S.S.W. some time - before noon wind veered to N.W. and after 2 o'clock to N. and towards night to N.E. Evening cloudy & wind N.E.

18 Ther. 49° at sunrise } Barom. 29.62
52 at 1 P.M.
42 at 9 P.M. } Rainy in morning

Wind N.E. and some N. - and towards night N.E. No rain after 9 o'clock, but cloudy till sunset. Evening very clear.

19. Ther. 33° at sunrise } Barom. 29.77
69 at 1 P.M.
51 at 9 P.M. } A white frost. Fog came on soon after sunrise and dispersed at 8, & it was clear.

Wind at sunrise S.W. After fog went off wind was S.E. till noon. Wind P.M. was S.W. till near night and then S. - Evening clear.

20. Ther. 45° at sunrise } Barom. 29.77
77 at 1 P.M.
79 at 3 1/2 P.M.
70 at 6 1/2 P.M.
60 at 10 P.M. } Clear.

Wind A.M. - S.S.W. - S. and S.S.E. mostly latter. Wind P.M. S.W. and quite brisk, till after 5 - then S. and S.S.E. Evening very clear - stars bright.

21. Ther. 46° at sunrise } Barom. 29.84
82 at 1 P.M.
80 at 4 P.M.
71 at 7 P.M.
65 at 9 P.M. } Clear, with some smoke, reddish in East.

Wind at sunrise E. & S.E. Soon changed to S.E. Wind brisk and continued S.E. till noon, and in afternoon was from S.E. to S. Thin high white clouds in P.M. Evening clear. Heard Hadley bell.

22. Thunder shower in the night - first thunder this season. Ther. 62° at sunrise } Barom. 29.83
73 at 1 P.M.
70 at 6 1/2 P.M.
64 at 9 P.M. } Cloudy. Wind A.M. was first S.E. then S. next S.S.W. do P.M. was mostly S. & pretty strong. Some sunshine P.M. Evening partly clear.

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Wednesday 23. Planting some.

In afternoon went over to Hockanum with Peninnah - came back about sundown, after the rain held up - left Peninnah.

Paid \$18.73 for interest on a note to Mrs. Mary Johnson for \$100 dated Sept. 15. 1835 - signed by S. Webster and principal, & by me as surety. The interest is paid to Sept. 15. 1838. Almost all trees on Holyoke & Town begin to be green - or are quite green.

Thursday 24. Attended an auction of plants. Bought none. Rode into the meadow with Wm. Clark, Jr. in afternoon. First open blossoms on lilac by house. Apple trees not yet in full blossom.

Friday 25. Collecting Gazettes for files for three last years, &c. Men, the editor of the Republican is entirely destitute of moral principle, & some who advise him have none to spare. I cannot fellowship such creatures and do not.

Saturday 26. Apple trees in full blossom as some think. I think tomorrow will be nearer the full blowth. All kinds of fruit trees are full of blossoms this year - also other trees and shrubs. Pandemoniums, violets, &c. are most abundant in mowing.

Sunday 27. Mr. Childs, preached in the forenoon the same that we have twice invited to settle here - he lives in Vermont. Caleb Strong, son of Lewis Strong, preached in afternoon - performed pretty well.

Today has been rather cool, but a very pleasant day - The earth & forests are clothed with green, & the fruit trees in blossom send forth their fragrances. The air is transparent, & the sky a deeper blue than usual. Evening was at C. Clark's & C. Starkweather's.

Monday 28. I noticed butter-cups or crow-foot in blossom for first time. Another pleasant but rather cool day - air pure.

Tuesday 29. Business with some - talk with others - two or three walks, &c. Rather cool yet.

Afternoon. Clouds came on about noon, and it was cloudy half of the P.M. or more. Wind S.E. and S. till 4, then S.W. till after 6, then N.W. Evening N.E. Evening cloudy. Little rain P.M. & Evening.

at 9 A.M.
23. Ther. 60° at sunrise } Barom. 29.84
77° at 1 P.M. } Rained in the
72° at 4 P.M. } night, with thunder
65° at 9 P.M. } Cloudy till day
Wind A.M. first W. then N.W. next turned to S. then E.
Wind P.M. was N.E. till 4 then W.
At 6 o'clock & after, it rained and wind was S. and S.S.E.
Evening rainy by turns.
Vegetation has advanced rapidly for a few days past.

24. Ther. 62° at sunrise } Barom. 29.66
70° at 1 P.M. } Still Cloudy
70° at 5½ P.M. } A little Sunshine P.M.
63° at 9 P.M. }
Wind A.M. S. and S.S.E.
Wind P.M. S. and S.S.E. } No rain
Evening mostly Cloudy - some stars.

25. Ther. 49° at sunrise } Barom. 29.64
68° at 1 P.M. } Cloudy & Cool
59° from 5 to 8 P.M. }
58° at 9 P.M. }
Wind A.M. first N.W. then N. and some N.E.
Wind P.M. first N.N.E. then E. next E.S.E.
Some rain P.M. from E.S.E.
In evening, wind S.S.E. & S.

26. Ther. 44° at sunrise } Barom. 29.60
62° at 1 P.M. } Clear & cool in
63° at 5 P.M. } morning
54° at 9 P.M. } Wind S.W.
After 7 o.c. Wind S.S.W. and S. and many clouds came over. Quite cool for so hot a wind.
Few clouds P.M. & Wind S.W. and W.S.W.
Evening partly clear. Wind N.W.

27. Ther. 41° at sunrise } Barom. 29.65
67° at 1 P.M. } Heavy dew.
69° at 3½ P.M. }
62° at 7 P.M. } Clear - not
56° at 9 P.M. } a cloud to be seen morning at 5.
Wind A.M. first S. then S.E. next E.
then back to S.E. and S.
Fog came up from river a little before 6. The fog near the earth was dissipated soon after 7 o.c. but it continued to rise from the river & pass over in form of clouds till after 8.
Wind P.M. S.E. and S.
Evening first part mostly clear
do at 10 o.c. cloudy.

28. Ther. 54° at sunrise } Barom. 29.33
71° at 1 P.M. } Cloudy at 5. & do
64° at 6 P.M. } Clear at 6
56° at 9 P.M. }
Wind at first S.W. soon S.E. then S. next S.W. again & brisk till noon and till 3 o.c. P.M. then S. and some clouds & a little rain.
After 6 wind S.W. again, & clear.
About sunset, a shower & high wind.
After shower wind S. Evening bright.

29. Ther. 43° at sunrise } Barom. 29.74
64° at 1 P.M. } Clear.
63° at 6 P.M. }
57° at 9 P.M. } Fog on the river, but it did not spread. Heavy dew.
Wind first N.W. then S.E. then S.W. and after before 6 o.c. Again S.E. from 8 to 10½ o.c. then S. till noon.

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Wednesday 30. I have some trouble & anxiety in regard to two or three debts due to me.

Wrote to C. Parkman, to send by D. Shaddad. In afternoon visited with Isaac Clark Mr. Bowers' house, &c. now occupied by Geo. A. Dwight. A splendid piece of folly. — People are running & riding to see some Indians encamped in the woods half way to Hatfield. Reservoir in front of meeting house finished to day.

Thursday 31. In the afternoon walked with Apphia & Penimuk to see the Indians who are encamped in the woods near the Hatfield road, a few rods this side of Hatfield line. Found them, 20 or more, great & small, making baskets, shooting arrows, &c. Their appearance was rather squat, but there were some good faces among them. They are said to be descendants of Eunice Williams. Great numbers go to see them, from this & other towns.

At Wattham — cherry trees began to blossom 15th. Pear trees blossomed 18th, and fully out 23d. Cherry & peach trees in full blossom 20th. Apple trees show few blossoms 24th & fully out 28th. Weather at W. cool & unfavorable till 15th — after that at moderate warm. Grass & grain look well. May 31. — fruit trees of all kinds blossomed remarkably full. Sky in May was overcast more or less 2/3 of month.

June 1838.

Friday 1. Bought paid of second hand pantaloons — gave \$2.25. Gave 50 cents to aid in transporting runaway slaves to Charlemond.

Went up to Wm. Clark's, Jr. — found him on the bed unwell — he paid me \$400, viz \$200 on his note to Col. Wm. Hooker in my hands; and \$200 I paid for him to Lewis Strong and took Lewis Strong's receipt for him.

This first day of summer is a summer day. Many of the apple trees are still partially white with blossoms, but the whiteness is fast diminishing.

Wrote to Sylvester. Spent some hours on past seasons.

Saturday 2. Replanted winter squashes.

Rode with O. Warner to meadow & to Mill stream mountain.

Quince trees about full blossom.

Went in afternoon with Isaac Clark to see Capt. Saml. Parson's new barn, &c.

Prepared papers to send to New York by Isaac Clark. Paid barnet bills 4.53.

Heard whistling thrush sing in evening.

at 9 A.M.
30. Ther. 48° at sunrise } Barom. 29.85
72 at 1 P.M. } Fair, but
64 at 6 P.M. } many clouds passing
56 at 9 P.M. } A little rain P.M.

Wind at first N.N.E. yet clouds were moving towards N.E. After 8 wind N. next N.E. and some N.N.E. till noon.

Wind P.M. 1st N.N.E. — 2d E.N.E. — after 3 turned to N.W. — after 5 to S.E. — at sunset S.S.W. Evening very clear. Has been a pleasant day.

31. Ther. 44° at sunrise } Barom. 29.90
76 at 1 P.M. } Clear — not a
77 at 3 P.M. } cloud at 5.6.7.
68 at 7 P.M. }
65 at 9 P.M. }

Wind at sunset E.N.E. at 8 N.W. till noon.

Wind P.M. W.N.W. next at 2 N.W. towards night W. N.W.

Evening partly cloudy. Wind N.N.E.

It was a very fine day — no clouds till near night — sun warm but not oppressive — a bland wind from near the region of Zephyrs.

Average of May here, 54½ deg.

do .. do, Wattham. 54½.

Average at Wattham 1837. May 52.53

do — do. 14 years, May. 56.42.

Warmest May in 14 years, 1826. 63.43

Coldest May in do — 1832, 51.66

The hottest days in this year were in May in 1826. 15.16 1st & 2nd. Near Boston 95.96. 194.

1st. Ther. 57° at sunrise } Barom. 29.87
81 at 1 P.M. } Clear with light
76 at 4½ P.M. } haze, or very thin clouds
63 at 9 P.M. } Heavy dew.

Wind N.N.E. till 7 or 8 — then from S.E. to S.W. — mostly E of S. till noon.

Wind P.M. S.E. — S.S.E. and S. and S.S.W.

Wind evening S.W.

Clouds came on about noon & it was partly clear & considerably cloudy till the afternoon — and a little rain towards night. Evening cloudy.

2 Ther. 59° at sunrise } Barom. 29.79
68 at 1 P.M. } Cloudy in morning.
70 at 3 P.M. } Rained some in night.
64 at 6 P.M. } at 9 became Clear
54 at 9 P.M. }

Wind at 5 was S.S.E. — at 7. S.S.W. — at 8. S.W. — at 9 W.N.W. and a strong breeze, and it became cooler. Wind continued W.N.W. till after 4 P.M. then N.W. and a little N. till night.

It was a beautiful day — with a rather cool breeze. A clear atmosphere. A fine sunset, and twilight. Evening bright.

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Sunday 3. Mr. Wiley all day. Sacramento.

A fine day.

Monday 4. Wrote to J. Walker by Isaac Clark

Sent to New York by Isaac Clark

a certificate of Boston & Providence

Rail Road Stock, 5 shares, No 968.

It stands on the books in the name

of Geo. A. Dwight - I sent it, to get

a certificate in my own name.

The certificate is signed by W. W. Woolsey

President, and dated April 14, 1837

with Dwight's transfer to me, and date.

Sold note to John Clarke against Jabez

French - \$32. Dated March 26, 1835, and

he allowed interest \$6.80, making \$38.80.

I owe him \$6.49 - am to have 66 flour \$9. &

the rest in goods. \$

Taxes. My Town tax is 28.55

over \$4500 at \$5.93 per 1000 = 26.68

Poll tax 1.87

My Parish tax is 12.04

over \$4600 at \$2.40 per 1000 = 11.04

Poll tax 1.00

Tuesday 5. Purchasing goods, &c. Saw

many people at Probate & Comrs

Court. Towards night at Chauncey

Clark's. In evening at Samuel

Parsons, with G. Clarke.

Wednesday 6. Wrote to Russel Judd, Esq. of

Kent, Conn.

With brother Parsons & Johnson

at shops, &c. two or three hours.

Grain & flour. Very many people

farmers as well as others, have to buy

bread-stuffs raised in other states.

The demand is not quite so great

as last year. Corn brought from

New York sells from 1.12 to 1.17 bushel.

Rye flour 3 1/2 cents lb. Wheat flour 9.00

Pork, lard & ham are also brought

here from Ohio, &c.

There are more acres of grain on the

ground than in any year for a

great many years. - also more

corn planted and less broomcorn.

Grass & grain are very promising.

Some people have hoped their corn once

7 Thursday. Examining land records

some hours, in reference to some

estates where I might be concerned.

Great river pretty high - some fears

of a flood on the meadows.

Canal. This is the first season that the

canal has been in order for any

length of time. Boat, now arrive

and depart frequently.

3. Ther. 50° at sunrise Barom. 29.86

76° at 1 P.M. } Fair with high

76° at 3 1/2 P.M. } light clouds.

71° at 6 P.M. }

59° at 9 P.M. }

Wind at first W. - at 7 S.W. - at 8 1/2 W.S.W.

at 10 1/2 N.W. - at 3 1/2 P.M. W.N.W. - at 6 W.S.W.

Clouds or haze grew more dense, and at

noon sun shone rather dimly. It was

more clear in the afternoon, but many

thin clouds.

Evening very fine - wind W.

4. Ther. 59° at sunrise Barom. 29.76

70° at 1 1/2 P.M. } mostly cloudy in

78° at 1 P.M. } some fair before

72° at 5 P.M. } at 8 Clear - mostly

65° at 9 P.M. }

Wind at sunrise S. soon S.S.E. - at 9 S.E.

at 10 1/2 S.S.E. and a fresh breeze. About

noon thin high clouds diminished the

sun's rays; the wind became stronger,

and the thermometer fell 3 degrees

before 1 o'clock. In the afternoon

the clouds grew more dense, and at

5 the sun was almost hidden, and

wind was strong.

Wind P.M. was S.S.E. & some S. till 5 - after

5 it was S. Evening cloudy and

wind S. & S.S.W.

5. Ther. 62° at sunrise Barom. 29.36

69° at 1 P.M. } Rainy till 11 o'clock

72° at 4 1/2 P.M. } Wind N.N.E. and

60° at 9 P.M. }

at 7 N. - after 9 N. & some N.N.W.

Afternoon, N. from N.N.E. till 5, then N.E.

At sundown S.E. At 9 o'clock S.W.

In the afternoon the rain clouds cleared away

and thinner clouds remained, through

which the sun shone now & then. No

rain P.M., but cloudy. The sun set

almost clear, & the evening was mostly

clear.

6. Ther. 54° at sunrise Barom. 29.50

82° at 1 P.M. } Fair, with high

74° at 2 P.M. } thin clouds & all

76° at 3 P.M. } Fog came on soon

62° at 6 P.M. } after sunrise - disappeared before 7.

62° at 9 P.M. }

Wind at first N.W. - before 7 it went round

by N. and E. to S. - from 8 1/2 to 12 it

was S.S.E. and S.E. and some S.

Wind P.M. was S.E. till 2. then S.S.W. and

rain, some S.W. At 4 S.S.E. & S. At 5 1/2 E.

at 7 N.E. at 8 S.W. at 9 S.E.

Clouds grew more dense about noon

and after - quite thick at 2. The

fell 3 degrees from 1 to 2 o'clock. Began

to rain a little at 2. Then sunk 8 deg more

from 2 to 3 - rain increased. Rained

much in afternoon & evening

More Rain than any day this year.

7. Ther. 58° at sunrise Barom. 29.34

75° at 1 1/2 P.M. } Cloudy till 4 P.M.

64° at noon }

62° at 1 P.M. }

78° at 4 P.M. }

76° at 9 P.M. }

Wind at first N.N.E. - at 8 S.E. - at 9 S.

after 10 S.S.E. & S. - after 11 S.S.W. and S.

Wind P.M. first W. brisk - at 1 W.N.W.

Soon W. again. At 2 1/2 N.W. & strong. at 5 1/2 W.

Evening W.

Sprinkled some A.M. Sun came out several

times a few minutes, at a time. Grew cool

fast - from 11 to 12

Cool P.M. - a shower at 1 1/2 o'clock. Cleared

off mostly at 4 o'clock and was warmer and

pleasant. Evening very fine & clear.

June 1838

12 Mrs. Cook, a Tailor here.

Hoed potatoes, &c. Sprouted potatoes
In evening, Mr Crosby made an
address in favor of the new license
law, & against rum-selling - in
the Edwards church.

Wednesday 13. Red clover and Crowfoot

pretty well in blossom.

Lightning bugs and musketoos ap-
peared last night.

Yellow lilly in blossom - nearly full.

E. Graves had of me yesterday 4 baskets
of potatoes ^{see Oct 27 1840} 6 bushels, by measure.

Brother Smith & wife here. Took up
3 notes he had against me, & gave
him one for all \$150, dated Jan'y 1
1838. Paid him \$2.00 for interest to Jan'y 1.

They

This fourth hot day has been similar
to the others - about the same tem-
perature for 4 days.

In the evening, another address
from Mr Crosby in the old church.

Thursday 14. Mr. Clark brought back my

certificate as it was ^{see 4th}.

Bought 66 lb of flour for \$9.00.

With Brother Smith at stores, &c.
all the fore noon. They staid here
last night & left us at 3 o'clock today.

Another auction of plants. I was there
some.

Another (5th) hot day, like the others.
Though hot, yet very pleasant - a
pure, clear atmosphere, & a bright
blue sky, & gentle breeze P.M. from
the W. and near the W.

Friday 15. About various matters in the

house and out.

Brother Parsons in - here had a
child born Wednesday & is in a
dangerous condition, and Betsey
is demovell. Brother P. carried
out wife to aid, this afternoon.
Bro. Matthews has a hard row,
but he takes it patiently. It is a
difficult time there.

George Lyman here towards night.

Another (6th) hot day, & not unpleasant
- about the same as the 5 preceding.
The earth is becoming dry.
The nights are all old fashioned
cucumber nights - all very warm.

12 continued.

Wind at sunrise S.S.W. - at 6, S.E.

at 8 1/2 W.S.W. - at 11, W. at 11 1/2 W.S.W.

Wind P.M. just W.S.W. - at 2 S.W. and

more clouds. A gentle breeze. At 4, N.W.

At 4 1/2, N.E. - at 5 E.S.E. soon S. and

on to S.W. where it remained till night

Evening clear & bright. Wind S.W. & S.S.W.

These three hot days have not been
sultry - owing perhaps to so much
westerly wind.

13. Ther. 65° at sunrise Barom. 29.82

82 at 9 1/2 A.M.

90 at noon.

90 at 1 P.M.

90 at 2 P.M.

90 at 3 P.M.

78 at 5 P.M.

74 at 7 P.M.

68 at 9 P.M.

Barom. 29.82

Clear & hot

Heavy dew.

Flying clouds.

Heavy clouds rose

about 3 - & continued to

rise. A little rain.

Wind at first S. soon S.S.W. next S.W.

at 6 1/2 N.W. soon S.W. and at 7, S.E.

at 9 1/2 W.S.W. at 10, N.W. & soon W.

Wind P.M. continued W. very gentle, but

checked the upward progress of the mercury

At 2, W.S.W. at 3, S.W.

At 4 it turned to N. yet dark rain

clouds continued to pass from S.W.

to N.E. Thermometer fell several

degrees. A very little rain.

At 6, N.N.E. - at 6 1/2 S.E. at 7 N.E.

Evening mostly clear.

14. Ther. 68° at sunrise Barom. 29.86

80 at 9 1/2 A.M.

88 at 12 M.

80 at 1 P.M.

88 at 2 P.M.

88 at 3 P.M.

86 at 5 P.M.

82 at 6 P.M.

78 at 7 P.M.

70 at 9 P.M.

Barom. 29.86

Fog came on early

and was dissipated after 8.

Then Clear & hot

Some large clouds after

11 o'clock. Clear after 2.

Wind at first N.N.E. - at 8, S. & soon S.S.E.

at 9 1/2 S.E. while the wind was S.E.

after 11, clouds were passing from S.W.

to N.E. - low clouds. Just before noon

the wind was S. and S.S.W.

Wind P.M. S. and S.S.W. - at 1, S.W. next

it was W.S.W. - at 3, W. - at 5, N.W.

Continued N.W. and W.N.W. till night

and in evening. A delightful evening.

15. Ther. 68° at sunrise Barom. 29.93

80 at 9 A.M.

90 at 11 1/2 " "

90 at 12 1/4 P.M.

90 at 1 P.M.

84 at 2 P.M.

85 at 3 P.M.

82 at 5 P.M.

79 at 7 P.M.

72 at 9 P.M.

Barom. 29.93

Fog came on at 5

and went off at 6

Clear & hot

Heavy cloud with

thunder & wind passed

over about 2 P.M. No rain

Other clouds followed. Clear.

Wind S.E. next S. - at 6 1/2, S.E. - at 9 1/2 S.

at 11, S.S.W. and a refreshing breeze.

Wind P.M. S.S.W. and some S.W. brisk, which

checked the rise of the mercury. At 1 1/2 S.W.

The leaden cloud which rose from S.W. about

passed about 2 o'clock with the wind, and

the mercury fell 6 degrees - from 90 to 84.

Wind at 2, S.W. and some S.S.W. & continued

till night and in evening.

Evening clear.

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Monday 16. Was on old county records
most of the day. Wife still absent.
Brother Hooker's daughter Sarah here
to day. She came & went with Dr. Hooker.

The 7th hot day, but rather cooler than
preceding because there were more
clouds.

Monday 17. Mr. Wiley preached all day.

The day would have been as hot as
the preceding, had it not been for
clouds & rain.

Shower. At 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ a shower was rising
and advancing from W.N.W. it passed
over some minutes after 1, attended
with wind & some thunder. It was
a heavy but short shower. It continued
some time in a S.E. direction, seems
to have been very heavy S.E. of us. In
about 20 minutes the thermometer fell
11 degrees. The wind as the cloud
came over, began to turn and as
the shower proceeded, the wind went on
to E, to S; and to W.N.W. again after
the cloud had entirely passed beyond us.
This is the first regular shower from
that direction this season. Other show-
ers were seen at a distance.

At 9 P.M. a thunder shower in the East.

Monday 18. During the late hot days, the
thermometer rose in Boston, when at
the highest, each day, from 92 to 94.
Do do in New York " 84 to 86.
Do do in Hartford " 91 to 94.

Spent most of the day collecting facts
in relation to Easthampton Saw-
mill, for one of the parties who are
contending about the water privilege
which the sawmill has.

Wife yet at W.H. Irene in a bad state.

Letter from J. Walker, stating that his
wife was delivered of a dead son on
the 13th. Wife comfortable.

Letter from C. Parkman.

Monday 19. Forenoon as yesterday. In the
afternoon I walked out to Sim.
Clark's, Easthampton, 5 miles or
more, to secure a small debt.
Took tea at sister Lyman's on
my return.

Monday 20. Reading Hawaiian Spectator,
Whitman's Examiner - and
on old records. Wife yet absent.
Saw 164 pounds.

We have now had two comparatively
cool days, or rather three cool days.

Heat of last week compared with other years
in Boston: - (See Boston above)

In 1837. Thermom. rose to or above 90° once

In 1836 - do - do. July 7, 8, 9 - 3 times

In 1835 - do - not once.

In 1834 - do - do 4 times July 8, 26, 27, Aug 12

In 1833 - do - do 4 times July 1, 14, 22, 24

In 1832 - do - 9 times June 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22

16. Ther. 67° at sunrise Barometer 29.91
82 at 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ A.M. Cloudy at first and
89 at 12. continued till after 10.
88 at 1 P.M. then Clear mostly hot.
86 at 2 " many clouds after noon.
81 at 3 " Clear mostly after 3 P.M.
76 at 4 " and grew cooler.
71 at 7 "

Wind S.E. at first, but clouds passed from
W.N.W. to N.E. continued S.E. and S.S.E. till
9, then S. - towards noon S.E. Clouds
soon after 12 sunk the mercury 5 degrees,
It rose again.

Wind P.M. S.E. - at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock S.S.W. fresh.
and continued till night.
Evening clear and wind S.

17. Ther. 68° at sunrise Barom. 29.77
79 at 10 A.M. Cloudy at first. No dew.
87 at 12. Clouds apparently resting
84 at 1 P.M. on Mt. Holyoke.
73 at 1 $\frac{1}{3}$ " A little rain at 7.
85 at 2 " Partly Clear after 10.
88 at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " A heavy shower after 1 P.M.
82 at 5 " Partly clear after 2 till 4.
73 at 7 "

Wind at sunrise S.S.E. - at 7 S. & little rain.
at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ S.E. - at 8, S. and S.S.E. - at 9 E.S.E.
at 10 S.E. - 10 to 12 P.M. I was at sleeping.
at 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ wind was W.N.W. During
the shower, soon after 1, the wind boxed
the compass" completely, & came
to W.N.W. again. From 2 to 5 wind
was some W. some N.W. but mostly W.N.W.
after 5, S.E. till night.
Evening from N.W. to E.N.E. yet
clouds were passing from S.W. to N.E.
part of the time. Some clouds, some stars.

18. Ther. 65° at sunrise Barom. 29.67
72 at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. In morning, high clouds
76 at 12. covered the heavens.
In the wind 73 at 1 P.M. Fog rested on Holyoke.
Out of do - 78 at 2 " Thicker clouds & lower
in the do 72 at 3 " came over at 7.
" 66 at 6 " Cooler.
54 at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Partly Clear after 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock.

Wind at first N.N.E. & thick. Evening cool
" at 9 N.E. & brisk till noon. and Clear.
" P.M. E.N.E. some E. brisk. Tuesday as a
" remained E.N.E. till night. whole, Cloudy.

19. Ther. 48° at sunrise Barom. 30.00
78 at 12. Clear & cool
74 at 1 P.M. heavy dew.
72 at 3 " Pleasant day.
70 at 5 " Hardly a cloud.
57 at 9 "

Wind at first N.N.E. - at 8, N.E. at 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ E.N.E.
at 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ N.W. - at 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ S.E. towards noon E.
Wind P.M. from E to S.E. - after 1 S.E. most
of afternoon. Evening S.W. and clear.

20. Ther. 48° at sunrise Barom. 30.05
75 at 12. Clear & cool.
76 at 1 P.M. Fog over about the River.
76 at 4 P.M. Heavy dew
59 at 9 P.M. Very few clouds today

Wind at first S. - from S to 9, S.S.E. & S.E.
9 to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ every point from E to S.W.
after 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ S.W. at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ S.E. till about noon
Wind P.M. just S. - at 1 S.E.
after 2 from S.E. to S. much of time S.
Evening clear

There was frost this morning (none here)
in S.E. part of this state, in N. Jersey
on E. end of Long Island.

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At 9 Am

Thursday 21. Wife came home with
bro. Parsons. Irene a little better.
I bought dlotaxes have now 10¹⁰ of
gallons cost some 40 cts, some 44.
I bought fishin of Oldbard
at 11¹² cts. lost 3 or 4 lb on the tare
making nearly another cent per lb.
I bought summer oil at 1.00 gal.
Most of day on old Records. In evening
was at Chauncey Clark's. Rev.
Josiah Clark there, & Isaac.

Friday 22. On old Records of county
and procuring some things for
C. Parkman, to send to N. Haven.

After 4 days rather cool or not hot,
we have again had a hot day
like the 8 days from 10th to 17th inst.
It was very hot about noon,
and half an hour later, & for
a few minutes, the Thermom.
went up to 94. The clouds
soon came on, & lowered
the temperature. Perhaps 91
was as high as the mercury should
be considered to-day. Very dusty.
Then was some hail & much lightning, in
some places to-day.

Saturday 23. Packed a box of eatables
and put them on board the canal
boat Ceres for C. Parkman, N. Haven
Wrote to C. P. Geo. Hyman here.
On old county records.

It came pretty near being a hot
day - was certainly quite warm.

Sunday 24 Mr Conditt of South Hadley
preached all day.

South wind. Mr. Jos. Clarke noted
down a great deal of South
wind in his meteorological
journal, consistently including
most of the winds from S.E. to S.W.
I have noticed but little wind
from directly S. but more to-day
than any day before this year.
The wind from the torrid zone
which is called S.W. is here about
S.S.W. and the contrary wind called
North East is very often N.N.E.

Monday 25 Spent most of the day
in collecting facts in relation
to the estate of Dr. David Hunt, dec.
& put them in a letter sent it to
Dr. Edwin Cooke (wife), Niagara Co
N.Y. they having given me a power
of attorney to act for them.
Encasement committed at
any house in the evening.

After the wind blew from W.W. and W
towards night the weather was fine
& the evening was clear & delightful.

21. Ther. 53° at sunrise Barom 29.75
78 at 1 P.M.
78 at 3 P.M.
77 at 7 P.M.
66 at 10 P.M.
Hazy in morning.
Partly Clear after 8.
Mostly Clear after 10.
Wind at first S.S.W. next S.S.E. at 8¹² S.
then till noon from S.E. to S.
Wind P.M. first S.S.W. & fresh. Wind till
night was S.S.W. 8¹² S. or S.S.E.
Evening same, & clear.
At sunset, a gathering in S.W.

22. Ther. 62° at sunrise Barometer 29.78
89 at 9¹² A.M.
91 at 11¹² A.M.
94 at 12¹² P.M.
84 at 1 P.M.
79 at 1¹⁴ P.M.
85 at 3 P.M.
Clouds & Sunshine
Clear & hot after 8.
Clouds after 12. Clear after 2.
Wind at first S.S.E. at 7¹² S.E. - at 10 E.S.E.
Towards noon S.E.
Wind P.M. first S.E. & soon E.S.E. while a
thunder cloud advanced slowly
from S.W. The dark cloud with much
roaring passed off to the S.E. & us, and
wind changed to S. & on to S.W. No rain here.
At 1 wind was N.N.E. & many clouds
and considerable thunder. At 1¹² sun
shone out hot & Thermometer went up to 94
but clouds came on & it soon fell 9 & 10 degrees
and continued to fall.
At 1¹² Wind N.E. & soon E.S.E. and at
2 mostly Clear again, & not so hot.
Wind after 3 S. & other directions, at 5 N.E.
At 8 wind S.E. at 9, N.N.E.
Ther. 82° at 5 P.M.
" 77 at 7 " "
" 73 at 9 " "
Evening clear

23. Ther. 62° at sunrise Barometer 29.87
80 at 10¹² A.M.
83 at 12.
82 at 1 P.M.
82 at 2 " "
87 at 3 " "
83 at 4 " "
82 at 6 " "
71 at 9 " "
Very Clear.
hardly a cloud at all
and not many P.M.
till towards night.
Wind at first N. & some N.N.E. & S.E.
At 10 turned S.E. - at 10¹² back again to N.E.
When Wind changed from S.E. to N.E. the mercury fell
1 or 2°, but soon went up. Before noon the
wind turned to S.E. again.
Wind P.M. first S.E. at 1¹² S. and yet grew no warmer
At 3 S.E. again. At 4 S. again.
After 6 and in evening S.S.W. & some S.
Evening mostly cloudy

24. Ther. 68° at sunrise Barom. 29.74
74 at 10¹² A.M.
77 at 1 P.M.
80 at 3¹² P.M.
78 at 5 " "
73 at 7 " "
71 at 9 " "
Cloudy all day
No rain except a
little sprinkling.
Evening cloudy.
Wind at first S. & clouds passing rapidly from
S.S.W. Wind continued still night, with
some variations to S.S.W. The wind
is seldom so long in one direction.

25. Ther 67° at sunrise Barometer 29.65
82 at 11 A.M.
88 at 1 P.M.
88 at 2 " "
76 at 4 " "
69 at 7 " "
62 at 10 " "
Cloudy till 9
Mostly Clear after 9
many clouds P.M.
Wind at first N.N.E. yet the clouds (low
clouds too) were passing from S.S.W. to N.N.E.
At 6¹² wind N.N.W. - at 7¹² E.N.E. - at 9 S.E.
from 9 till noon S.E. & S.S.E. and about noon S.S.W.
Wind P.M. S.W. & first brisk - at 3¹² N.W. & strong
with black clouds - no rain - at 4¹² E.N.E.
next S.E. on round to N.W. at 6 - at 7¹² W.

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Tuesday 26. I was most of the day collecting facts for Jona. Edwards of Hartford, in relation to his Hartford Ancestors, Wm. & Richard Edwards. - collecting facts from my own papers. Perished my letter to him, in reply to his of April 26. Called at Isaac Clark's in evening.

Wednesday 27. Brother Parsons wife here to dinner tea. Irene quite sick yet & Betsey almost sick. Brother Johnson & wife here in the forenoon. Bought ham of him at 14 cents. Sarah H. Brown came & returned with bro. Johnson. Long confab in afternoon with Lillian Edwards & Tim. Clark. Sister Sarah & her son Worthington came here just before dark.

Thursday 28. Shopping with sister Hooker all the forenoon. Went to J.W. Making calls with her in the afternoon. She left us at 4 1/2 P.M. Letter from Sylvester.

Friday 29. Old affairs & hoeing in the garden, occupied most of my time. Wrote to Sylvester with Apphia.

Saturday 30. Mostly on old county records.

The Season. The last of June is very different from the same time for two or three years past. Vegetation is quite forward, & where there is virtue in the soil, it is dark green and luxuriant. Some hay was cut last week, & considerable this week - mostly in home lots, but some in meadow. Corn is knee high and more in many fields. Some fears about winter & spring grain. The weather is too warm for it to have grown too fast. English cherries are ripe.

C. F. of Waltham says July 1. that vegetation is rapid & luxuriant, that fields of grain & grain are exuberantly rich, and that corn is in general as forward as for years past on July 15th. In 1825 & 1831 vegetation was considerably more advanced July 1. than it now is (see opposite column)

Winds at Dartmouth College - equal to N. - 1 day in June.

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| N.W. | 6 1/2" | S.W. highest, S.E. next. |
| E.E. | 1 1/2" | |
| W. | 3 1/3" | |
| S.W. | 9 1/2" | |
| S.E. | 6 3/4" | |
| E. | 0 | |

Mean heat of June here 68 3/4.
or at sunrise 60 at 1 P.M. 80 1/2 at 9 " 65 1/4

2 d. Col. Sunrise 58.3 1 1/2 P.M. 73.78 9 " 64.8

26. Ther. 61° at sunrise } Barometer 29.72
24 at 12 " }
79 at 2 1/2 P.M. } Fair & rather cool
72 at 5 " } Flying clouds.
67 at 7 " } A very pleasant day.
54 at 9 " }

Wind S.S.E. & S.W. till 6 1/2 - next S.W. at 7. W. all this time small clouds were passing from N.W. to S.E. - at 7 1/2 W. N.W. & N.W. thus the lower current conformed to that a little above it - after 9 mostly W.N.W. and quite brisk, till night - in evening. Wind was W.N.W. mostly for over 12 hours. At 9 P.M. it was N.W. Evening clear.

27. Ther. 51° at sunrise } Barom. 29.95
80 at 11 1/2 A.M. } Heavy dew.
82 at 1 P.M. } Fog came from river at 6
88 at 2 " } light soon disappeared.
79 at 5 " } Fair with some clouds.
70 at 7 " }
66 at 9 " }

Wind at first W.N.W. - at 7 changed to E.N.E. at 8 1/2 S.E. - at 11 S. - next S.S.W. Wind P.M. first S.W. at 1, S. next S.S.E. and before 5, S.W. and till night evening S.W. and some S.S.W. Evening clear.

28. Ther. 63° at sunrise } Barom. 29.81
68 at 12 " }
69 at 1 P.M. } Cloudy, & began to
76 at 4 " } Rain soon after 10,
69 at 7 " } continued till 3.
63 at 9 " } Cleared off at 6--

Wind at first S.S.W. - at 6 1/2 S.E. - 7 1/2 S. at 8 1/2 S.E. & W. where it continued till noon. Wind P.M. at first S.E. soon N.E. and at 1 it was N.N.E. next N. and N.N.W. at 4 N.E. next N.N.E. at 6 W.S.W. Evening clear. Fog on low grounds.

29. Ther. 62° at sunrise } Barom. 29.68
80 at 11 1/2 A.M. } Clear - hardly a cloud,
83 at 1 P.M. } at first, but many clouds
85 at 2 & 3 " } after 10 till 3 P.M.
76 at 5 1/2 " }
69 at 9 " }

Wind at first S.S.W. - at 6 1/2 S.W. next W.S.W. at 9 W.N.W. - at 3 P.M. N.W. - at 7 1/2 N. at 9 N.N.E. Evening partly cloudy.

30. Ther. 61° at sunrise } Barom. 29.92
80 at 10 1/2 A.M. } Morning partly cloudy
84 at 1 P.M. } Clear at 7.
76 at 3 1/2 " } Before noon, a thin haze
70 at 6 " } and many clouds.
68 at 9 " } All cloudy at 2 P.M.

Wind at first N. - at 6 N.N.E. - at 7 N. next N.N.E. - at 9 N.E. and till noon with some E.N.E. Continued E.N.E. till after 1. next E. at 2 1/2 E.S.E. & some E. rest of day & evening. Evening mostly cloudy. It rained a little at 4 1/2 P.M. from E.S.E.

Last week in June at New Orleans }
highest temperature 92 to 99 2 days }

Mean heat of June at Waltham 69
do - of June 1837. do. 63.83.
{ do do. of June 1831 do. 74.37
the warmest June ever known.
Mean heat of June, 1825 do. was }
nearly equal to 1831. }

Mean heat of June at Dart. College 1835. 61.5°
do - 1836. 61.3°
do - 1837. 62.0°
do - 1838. 65.6°

Week ending June 16 was hotter than any week in 1835. 6. or 7. at D. College.

July 1838

Sunday 1. Mr. Wiley all day.

Monday 2. Was unwell all day - did not go from home.

Mr Bisbee, wife & child here to dinner till 3 P.M. Did a little with county Records.

Tuesday 3. On old records mostly. Had something to do about apothecaries licenses - none applied from this town.

Wednesday 4. The usual squibbing through the night, and the ringing and firing at sunrise. It is called Independence day. Brother Parsons, Matthews & Johnson here in forenoon. Hopkin & Prinnich to a tea party at E. Graves. A great dance in Town Hall in the evening. The day has been rather still. I was at home on old records.

Thursday 5. Received of Geo Lyman of Hadley \$101.94 for arrears, & gave him a receipt. Sent a letter to Parkman by Mr Bliss. On County records most of day.

Thermometer to day went up to
at Boston - to 95°
at Hartford - to 97°
at New York - 99°
at Philadelphia - 101°

4. Today has been another hot day. Warmer at 4 and 5 P.M. than any preceding day at those hours. About 5½ a thunder cloud arose in N.W. which lowered the temperature several degrees. Most of it passed to the N. but it rained a little here, and disturbed the tea-parties. Easthampton bell heard in evening.

5. Hottest day as yet, though many clouds, often at times, obscure. It went up to 96 at 1. but clouds soon lowered the temperature, with aid of breeze. After two sun was obscured by clouds yet thermometer was at 94 at 3. when there was no sunshine. A Thunder cloud rose from W. before three - passed South of us - it was cooler after this. Sun out again about 4. Clouds again at 5. A thunder shower came from N.W. and was here after 4. Rained 10 or 15 minutes. A heavy shower S.E. also S.

1st. Ther. 63° at sunrise } Barometer 29.93
72° at 1 P.M. } Cloudy & misty.
72 at 2 " } No rain - no sunshine
72 at 4 " }
72 at 6½ " }
70 at 9 " }

Wind E. then E.N.E. - then N.E. - then N.N.E. then N. - next at 7½ N.N.W. - at 9 N. at 9½ N.N.E. - at 10½ N. when I came home at 1. still N. continued N. till 4. At 4 N.N.W. - at 4½ W.N.W. - at 5½ W.S.W. at 6½ S.W. - at 7½ & evening S.S.E. - Wind was N. and N.N.W. much of the day yet clouds continued.

2. Ther. 67° at sunrise } Barometer 29.86
82 at 11¼ A.M. } Showers before sunrise.
85 at 12 } Cloudy morning.
80 at 1 P.M. }
83 at 2 " } Became clear about 10.
84 at 4½ " }
74 at 7 }
72 at 9 }

Wind at first S.S.E. at 7 S.E. & continued 6 hours till 1 P.M. - at 1 S.S.E. soon S.E. again, and continued S.E. till night. Evening S.S.E. Wind was about 12 hours S.E. or a very little S. of S.E. Thunder clouds rose in W.S.W. & passed S. of us, between 12 & 3. Thermometer fell several degrees. In the evening there was incessant thunder and lightning one or two hours in W.N.W. but here there was only a moderate thunder shower a little before 10.

3. Ther. 64° at sunrise } Barom. 29.82
86 at 11½ A.M. } Fog came on at 6.
88 at 1 P.M. } " went off at 8.
88 at 2 P.M. } Clear - very few clouds
88 at 3 P.M. } all day.
84 at 5 P.M. }
75 at 7 " }
68 at 9 " }

Wind at first W.N.W. soon S.S.W. After fog was gone at 8. N.N.E. at 9 N.E. at 10½ E. till about noon. Wind P.M. at 12 N. at 12½ N.N.W. at 1 N.W. at 2 W.N.W. - at 3 W. - at 4 W.N.W. Evening S.W. The day has been very fine, the northerly sweetly winds tempering the heat. The evening was most delightful.

4. Ther. 64° at sunrise } Barometer 29.82
86 at 9½ A.M. } Clear & Hot
90 at 12 } Very little air fell.
89 at 1 P.M. } More wind. P.M. & checked heat
88 at 2½ } till about 4. then still
91 at 4 P.M. }
89 at 5 " }
87 at 7 " }
78 at 9 " }

Wind S.W. at sunrise N.N.E. at 9½ N.E. 10½ E.N.E. at 10¾ changed to N.W. at 11¼ S.E. Wind P.M. S.E. mostly, but some S.S.E. till 5½ at 5½ when thunder cloud arose wind changed to N.W. towards night S.W. Evening clear. Wind N.E.

5. Ther. 66° at sunrise } Barometer 29.79
80 at 8 A.M. } Clear at first. Hot
92 at 11½ A.M. } Many clouds after 8.
96 at 1 P.M. } After 2 more clouds
94 at 2 " } Thunder shower at 7½
94 at 3 " }
96 at 4 " }
85 at 5½ " }
88 at 7 " }

Wind at first - - - at 6 N.W. at 6½ W.N.W. at 7½ S.S.E. till noon & still. Wind P.M. S.S.E. till 12¾ then S.S.W. & brisk at 1. S.W. & a breeze. at 2 W.S.W. at 5 S.W. at 7 W.N.W. at 8 & 9 Easterly Evening Cloudy. Showers at a distance

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Friday 6. Geo Smith & Sarah H. Brown came from Bloody Brook Here to dinner. On County Records.

Saturday 7. Have done today what I have seldom done in my life - put a note in suit. Finding 3 attachments on Perez Smith's property, S. Hadley, I put on one.

Rec'd letter from son J. Walker, enclosing a note signed B. B. Barber and indorsed D. H. Robinson, payable Jan. 5. 1839, for \$1485.38 - payable at Hartford Bank. Date July 5. 1838.

Of this note - belongs to bro. Matthew \$1167.05
" " belongs to me 318.30
\$1485.38

Spent sometime on land records - wound had some concern - have fears about some debts due to me.

Sunday 8. A young man (Mr. Wiley) in the forenoon. Mr. Wiley in afternoon. I staid at home P.M. with lame head.

Monday 9. Took up my note at the Bank (see April 3) and gave one to Isaac Clark for the same amount \$200. That is, I borrowed of him to pay the Bank. New York 92°. Philadelphia 98°

Tuesday 10. On County Records. Letter from Dr. Edwin Cooke wife, Niagara Falls, on near them. Letter from C. Parkman. Have had a lame heel since Sunday - cannot travel far. Wrote to B. B. Hoxie about certain matters.

New York (Lynch & Clark) 93° highest

There has been as yet no weather that can be called "sultry." No close, moist, hazy, pettish weather.

We had cucumbers to day, and string beans 3 or 4 days ago.

P.S. Terrible thunder shower at Worcester, Northboro' &c in the evening.

6. Ther. 64° at sunrise. 80 at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. 82 at 1 P.M. 82 at 2 " 84 at 3 " 78 at 5 " 71 at 7 " 66 at 9 " Barometer 29.82 Clear in morning - not a cloud. But few clouds all day. Pure air, & very pleasant day.

Wind at sunrise N.W. soon W.N.W. at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ S.E. Continued round to N.E. - N. and at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ N.W. again at 8, N.W. from N.E. next S.E. next S.W. at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ N.W. again. Thus the wind went round, or "boxed the compass" twice before 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ - once against the sun & once with the sun. - at 11 N.W.

Wind P. just N.W. brisk - checked the heat. at 3 W.N.W. till night & in evening Evening very fine & clear.

7 Ther. 54° at sunrise. 83 at 12. 86 at 1 P.M. 88 at 2 " 83 at 5 " 73 at 7 " 66 at 9 " Barometer 29.85 Heavy dew. Clear - no clouds in morning. Few clouds all day. Pleasant day.

Wind at first E.N.E. - from 7 to 10. S. - S.S.W. &c. at 10 E.N.E. again. soon N.W. till noon. Wind P.M. just N.W. & fresh. after 2 wind from N.W. to E. till towards night then W.N.W. Evening very bright.

8. Ther. 58° at sunrise. 80 at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. 89 at 12. 88 at 1 and 2. 84 at 3 P.M. 84 at 5 " 78 at 7 " 71 at 9 " Barometer 29.87 Heavy dew. Clear - not a cloud in morning. Some high clouds P.M. Pleasant day.

Wind at first N.N.E. - at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.N.E. - at 9 S. or 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ S.E. When I came home at 1. W. S.W. at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. and soon W.N.W. - at 3 S.W. Continued S.W. & a little S.S.W. till night & in evening. Evening very pleasant.

9. Ther. 67° at sunrise. 82 at 9 A.M. 92 at 1 P.M. 85 at 2 & 3 P.M. 88 at 5 P.M. 84 at 7 " 76 at 9 " Barometer 29.75 Some high cirrus clouds. Little or no dew. Fair & hot. Some clouds P.M.

Wind at sunrise S. & with some variation till 9. 9. S.W. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ N.W. and a fresh breeze; 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ W.N.W. no wind strong. Continued W.N.W. till 3 P.M. then W. - at 5 W.N.W. again. till night and in evening. Evening Clear. The latter part of the day, after 5, was warmer than any preceding day, at same hours. Though furnished with Zephyrs, the day was too hot for comfort.

10. Ther. 73° at sunrise. 80 at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. 92 at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 94 at 12 " 92 at 1 P.M. 93 at 2 & 3 90 at 4 88 at 5 83 at 7 (78) 78 at 9 Barometer 29.74 Partly cloudy in morning. Last night warmest this season. Mostly Clear at 8. Hot. After 12 some clouds.

Wind at sunrise N. and N.N.E. - at 6 S.S.W. at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ S.W. - at 8 S. - at 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ S.E. - till noon and P.M. just S. next S.W. at 2 W.S.W. soon W.N.W. at 3 S.W. - at 4 S.S.W. & continued till night with some S.W. Thunder showers around as in the evening, & a little rain here.

To-day has been apparently the hottest day this year, though the Thermometer did not go quite so high as on the 5th. But little air stirring to day - no breeze.

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Wednesday 11. On County Records.

Attended auction of Dr Hunt's land (to pay debts) this afternoon. Cassilla here till P.M. Cousin Saml. Edwards here till

To-day two men ascended the spire of the meeting house & took off the Vane, in order to regild it. They are now shingling the roof of the house, &c.

The vane being gone I shall have no wind guide for some days.

Philadelphia weather in June

Average at sunrise - 66° (prev.)
do at 3 P.M. 84°
do of the month 75°

Mercury up to 93 once - between 80 and 90, 14 times - down to 55° once, over morning of 20th

In 31 years at Ph. the hottest June, were 1831 and 1838, and the coldest 1836.

mean temperature of June at Ph.
1830 - 67; 1831 - 75; 1832 - 64
1833 - 63; 1834 - 64; 1835 - 66
1836 - 60; 1837 - 64; 1838 - 75.

Thursday 12. Brothers Parsons and Matthews & sister Betsey here. Gave Bro. M. a receipt or talent about the Hartford note (see July 7th) and he left the note in my possession. I testified that \$1167.08 of it belonged to him, when paid. Paid Bro. M. \$228.21. as so much of my share of the note the rest Son J. W. has paid; and I must pay it to him, or to make with interest \$318.30.

Friday 13. Mostly on County Records. Towards night walked into the South Meadow with Isaac Clark. Vegetation is luxuriant.

Saturday 14. On County Records, &c.

Sunday 15. Mr. Erasmus Hopkins preached all day. Walked into the meadow with E. Graves after sunset.

Monday 16. Mr. Levi Claflin, from Bridgeton, New Jersey, here some hours, Mr. Elijah Rust, Jr. from state of New York, here.

Vane restored to its place, today.

11. Ther. 74° at sunrise } Barometer 29.63
80 at 7½ P.M. } Mostly Clear. Hot.
92 at 1½ P.M. } many flying clouds
92 at 2½ P.M. } Some larger clouds
94 at 4 P.M. }
88 at 5½ P.M. }
83 at 7 P.M. }
77 at 9 P.M. } Then at N. York - 94°

Wind S.S.E. & S.W. till 7. then S.E. at 9 S.W. and fresh. at 10 W.N.W. and brisk at 11½ S.W. again next W.N.W. Wind fell first W.S.W. & brisk. at 3 W.N.W. and shortly W.N.W. till night. Day not so uncomfortable as yesterday, owing to having more wind today. Evening mostly cloudy - some stars. [Today hottest for years in some places]

12. Ther. 71° at sunrise } Barometer 29.77
83° at 12 and 1 } Mostly cloudy in morning
82 at 2 and 4 } and most of P.M.
76 at 5½ } More Clear P.M.
73 at 7 }
70 at 9 } Wind in forenoon between W and N. considerably N.W. and cool. Wind in afternoon about the same between W & N. latter part of afternoon becoming Cloudy

13. Ther. 67° at sunrise } Barometer 29.94
78 at 1 P.M. } Cloudy till after 11 -
79 at 2½ P.M. } Mostly Clear near noon
82 at 4 P.M. } Cloudy again at 5
76 at 5½ P.M. }
67 at 9 P.M. } Began to Rain before 6. - but was only a slight shower. All clear before sunset. Evening very pleasant & bright.

14. Ther. 58° at Sunrise } Barometer - 30.12
84 at 1 P.M. } Fog on the River, morn.
82 at 2 P.M. } Clear
79 at 4½ P.M. } Pleasant Day.
73 at 7 P.M. } Very few clouds
65 at 9 P.M. }
Wind A.M. first part was from N.N.E. to S.E. Considerably N.E. Latter part - S. to S.W. } Wind fell, was from S.W. to N.W. Evening very fine

15. Ther. 61° at sunrise } Barometer 29.94
80 at 10½ P.M. } Clear at first
86 at 1 P.M. } Soon high clouds
92 at 2 P.M. } Mostly Cloudy after 2 P.M.
86 at 3½ & 5½ } mostly Clear at sunset.
78 at 7 P.M. }
70 at 9 P.M. } Wind from 5½ to 10½ went from N.E. to S.E. & to S. from 10½ to 1 went round to S.W. after 2 went on to W.N.W. & remained there. Evening clear.

16. Ther. 68 at sunrise } Barometer 29.77
80 at 9, 10, 11 & 12 } Some clouds (cirrus) in the morning; and seen & sky
78 at 1 P.M. } obscured after 9, and
76 at 3 P.M. } Cloudy in evening.
80 at 5 P.M. } Partly Clear at 4.
72 at 7 P.M. }
70 at 9 P.M. } Wind from W.N.W. & N.W. At 1 P.M. began to rain a little from clouds passing from N.W. or W.N.W. Only a little rain. About 4 partly clear. Latter part of P.M. wind went to N. and N.N.E. and on to E.N.E. Evening mostly cloudy. Some stars. Wind E.N.E.

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Tuesday 17. Mr Warner came in & carried out wife & Mrs Shepard. People are reaping or cradling rye on uplands, & some in the meadow.

Sent letter to J. Walker by Summer Post containing 72 dollars for hire to complete what is mentioned July 12 (71.79 exactly is wanted) and 102 dollars for Arctura, rec July 5. So letter enclosed \$174.

At 4 P.M. Mr Shepard & I walked out to Oliver Warner's, & took tea &c. Walked over the hill to Solo. Warner's. Came in before 8 and our wives also.

Wednesday 18. On County Records. At St Louis, Mo. Ther. 98 to 100° July 17 & 18.

Thursday 19. Mr. Dale here same that was here in February 1836. Took tea here, &c. Sylvester arrived from Cambridge at 8 P.M.

Friday 20. With Sylvester some. Reading some - In Records some.

Saturday 21. In afternoon, Sylvester and I walked down to Old Rainbow and through middle meadow to Ferry, and passed over to brother Johnson's. Took tea there and reached home by 7. Corn is most luxuriant, & other crops are good. Grass no better than last year. Much grass in Old Rainbow & Middle meadow not yet cut. Most of the winter grain, both rye & wheat is cut.

20. After 1 P.M. clouds arose from W.N.W. with thunder - began to rain a little about 2. There was a small shower after this here, & heavy at the S. Another shower after 5 from W.N.W. light here, heavy at S.E. A heavier shower here about 7 from W. or W.N.W. with much thunder. At 7 1/2 clouds were still passing from W.N.W. The rane & clouds have not agreed to-day, at any time. Terrible thunder & lightning at New Haven, Conn.

21. There has been a steady strong wind from W.N.W. and some W. all day. A fine day for business or pleasure. A pure air and quite blue sky.

17. Ther. 64° at sunrise
80 at 10 A.M.
82 at 1 P.M.
83 at 2 "...
80 at 4 "...
62 at 8 "...
58 at 9 "...
Barometru 29.86
Clear. Heavy dew.
A very pleasant day,

Wind at first N. next N.E. - then N. - then N.N.E. - then N.E. & so between N. & N.E. till noon. Wind P.M. N. to N.E. till after 1 then N.W. at 4 W. N.W. and mostly then till about night. Evening N.N.E. There has been a fine breeze to-day & the weather very fine. Evening cool & delightful. It has been a fine season for gathering hay, & now it is excellent harvest weather. The earth is very dry and crops on our lands are suffering. Grass grounds are becoming brown, (in spots)

18 Ther. 50° at sunrise
80 at 11 A.M.
77 at 1 P.M.
78 at 3 "...
74 at 7 "...
71 at 9 "...
Barometru 29.95
Fair with high crinkly
clouds, & mackin back.
Cloudy after 12.
Rained some from 1 to 3.
" " several times after 4.

Wind at first N. next N.N.E. at 8 1/2 S.S.W. & so till 4 1/2 P.M. then S.S.E. At 7 S.W. and soon N.W. and on to N.N.E. While the wind was in so many directions after 4 1/2, by the rane, the clouds were passing from W.N.W. and N.W. to S.E. At 7 1/2 wind veered to S.S.W. again. Evening partly clear, partly cloudy. Rain to-day not heavy - it wet loose earth between 1 and 2 inches deep.

19. Ther. 65° at sunrise
82 at 10 A.M.
86 at 1 P.M.
88 at 3 "...
85 at 5 "...
75 at 7 1/2 "...
68 at 9 "...
Barometru - 29.84
Fog came on at 5 - off at 7 1/2
Fair after fog, with
crinkly clouds.
P.M. many cirrus clouds.
" after 5 mostly cloudy
" at 7 clear.

Wind at first E.N.E. at 7 1/2 N.N.E. and N. Next N.E. and at 10 E. Fleecy clouds passing from N.W. to S.E. Wind continued nearly E (a little S.S.W.) till noon.

Wind P.M. first E. before 1 passed wind to S. at 1 S.W. Clouds continued to go toward S.E. at 3 wind was N.W. & thus lower current corresponded with the next above it. at 3 1/2 wind N.N.E. at 4 1/2 N.W. again at 8, S.W. - Evening clear

20. Ther. 66° at sunrise
80 at 10 A.M.
86 at 1 P.M.
82 at 2 "...
78 at 4 "...
71 at 7
70 at 9
Barometru - 29.76
Cloudy in morning
Clear at 7 1/2.
After 1 cloudy & some rain.

Wind at first N.W. at 7 1/2 E.N.E. and round to S. at 9 - at 10 S.S.W. - at 11 S.E. Clouds passing from W.N.W. for hours. Wind S.E. till noon. Wind P.M. at first S.E. - at 2 S. at 4 S.W. at 5 S. at 6 1/2 S.W. - at 7 S. at 7 1/2 S.S.W. at 8 S.W. Evening cloudy

21. Ther. 68° at sunrise
80 at 1 P.M.
Did not rise above 80 to day
70 at 7 P.M.
58 at 9 "...
Barometru - 29.64
Clear with a stiff breeze.
Some wind clouds P.M.
Very pleasant day.

Wind at first W.N.W. and continued through the day, with some variation to N.W. At 7 1/2 P.M. wind N.N.E. at 8, N. Evening cool, clear & very fine.

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Sunday 22. Mr. Wiley preached all day.

In the evening, I was at Chauncey Clark's - his two brothers from Baltimore there, and several others.

Monday 23. Paid Mrs. Graves for milk \$2.25. New account begins July 21.

P.M. walked with Sylvester a mile or two on the canal - got some berries - went through South meadow, & home at 5. Thimble berries & berries on running vines begin to be ripe.

At Savannah, Ga. from July 13 to 23. 93° to 96°.

Tuesday 24. Edward Hooker, son of (d.) Wm. here yesterday & today with Sarah H. Dan. of H.T. Hooker. Apphia rode with Judd post rider to S. Hadley today to see Sarah H. Brown.

Wednesday 25. Sylvester took E. Hooker's horse swaggon & brought home Apphia. Letter from L.H. Parsons, Nantuxen, Penn. wrote an answer. E. Hooker & Sarah left us. On old affairs.

Thursday 26. On old matters. Whortle berries offered for sale.

Friday 27 On same. Hottest day at Cleveland - 97°.

Saturday 28. Had green corn today. Have had squashes & shell beans for 14 days past. Crickets began to sing last night or perhaps a few nights before. Also grasshoppers. Not very many of either song as yet. H.T. Hooker here. Dr. Sumner and daughter called here. A few ripe apples seen - very few.

28. In A.M. while wind was from S to S.E. flying fleecy clouds were passing from W.N.W. to S.E. At 1 P.M. Wind was with the clouds or W.N.W. Thunder shown at a distance S. & S.E. - The Zephyrs did not moderate the heat P.M. Hottest this year at Philadelphia, Ther 102. Hottest this year at Windsor Vt " 94.

22d. Ther. 52° at sunrise } Barometer 29.93
76 at 10½ till } Fair with high thin clouds
76 at 1 P.M. } Same P.M. & some fleecy clouds
76 at 2 " " } Cool day
74 at 3½ " " } Pure air
73 at 5 " " }
67 at 7 " " }
54 at 10 " " }

Wind at sunrise N.W. at 7 W. and some W.N.W. and W.S.W. till 9. - soon after 9 E.N.E. at 10 N.E. and some N.E. - At 1 P.M. from N.N.E. to N. and continued at or between those points till 8 or 9 Evening clear & cool, stars very bright. Heard Hadley bell at 6 P.M.

23. Ther. 47° at sunrise } Barometer - 30.00
80 at 1 P.M. } Clear? Heavy Dew.
73 at 5 P.M. } Coldest morning since May.
66 at 7 " " } Cool day.
56 at 9 " " }

Wind at first N. next N.N.E. next N.E. next E.N.E. just before noon back to N. at 2 a.m. Wind P.M. first N. - Between 1 and 5 wind changed to S. & continued S. till night & in evening. Evening cool & bright.

24. Ther. 57° at sunrise } Barometer
80 at 1 P.M. } Mostly Cloudy in morning.
79 at 3 " " } Mostly Clear after 9.
71 at 5 " " } Mostly Cloudy after 1.
67 at 7 " " } All Cloudy after 4.
66 at 9 " " }

Wind at first S.S.E. next S.E. next S. next S.S.W. and before noon S.W. and a strong breeze. Wind P.M. at first S.W. next S.S.W. & S. & brisk, till night. Evening Cloudy - Wind continued about S.

25. Ther. 65° at sunrise } Barometer
80 at 1 P.M. } Cloudy
79 at 3 P.M. } Mostly Clear after 11.
77 at 6 " " } Cloudy after 2.
73 at 7 " " } Mostly Clear after 4.
67 at 9 " " } Shower in evening

Wind continued from S.S.W. to S. all day and evening. About 8 in evening there was a thunder shower from W.N.W. Soon after 9, bright star light.

26. Ther. 59° at sunrise } Barometer
75 at 1 P.M. } Fog on about sunrise
77 at 3 " " } dis. off at 7½
74 at 5 " " } Clear till after 9. Cool.
70 at 7 " " } Cloudy at 10, still night.
66 at 9 " " } Began to rain in evening

Wind at first W.N.W. - & so continued all the day & evening, except some W. Rained an hour or two after 8 evening.

27. Ther. 63° at sunrise } Barometer - 29.83
80 at 10½ till } Cloudy at first
84 at 1 P.M. } mostly Clear at 6. and
81 at 4 P.M. } Very Clear at 9.
79 at 5½ " " } Fine day - deep blue sky - pure air
74 at 7 " " }
68 at 9 " " }

Wind at first W.N.W. - next N.W. - next N.N.W. Next N. - next N.N.E. till noon. Wind P.M. first N.N.E. at 2 N.E. - at 4 N. at 4½ W.N.W. - at 5½ W.S.W. - at 6 S.W. Evening bright & wind S.S.W.

28. Ther. 66° at sunrise } Barometer - 29.84
92 at 12 } Heavy Dew. Haze.
92 at 1 P.M. } Clear at 7. Hot.
94 at 2 " " }
92 at 3 " " }
92 at 4 " " }
90 at 5 " " }
87 at 6 " " }
82 at 7 " " }

Ther. at 9 P.M. 76° - at 10. 80°!!

Wind at first S.S.E. next S.E. next S. next S.S.E. & some S.E. Wind P.M. S.S.E. soon S.W. at 1 W.N.W. at 6 S.W. Evening Clear - wind S.W. but quite warm. At 10 Wind W.N.W. & Ther at 80° Wind brisk.

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29 Sunday. Mr Wiley in forenoon. Mr. Baird (from France) in the afternoon - in regard to religion in France. At 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ he had another meeting - gave an account of religion in other nations of Europe.

Hottest day at Boston - 97° at 11 - 94 at 1
do at Salem - 90 at 9 - 100 at 12
do at Providence - up to 98°
Not so hot at New York (L. & C.) " " 92°

30 Monday. Crops. Hay about as last year - a middling crop. Injured by dry weather. Cornsides all not yet mown. There will be a small 2 crop, where there is any.

Grain. Winter rye & wheat is all harvested - pretty fair crop.

Spring wheat of which large quantities were sown in all the region around, as well as in the meadows, is pretty good - middling at least - some pieces very good. Though the weather has been hot it has been so dry, & air so pure that there is very little blighted.

Some people are beginning to day to cut spring wheat & oats, though most will delay 3 or 4 days or a week. Prefer to the meadows. Oats are apparently very good.

Oren Kingly; Not at Bank (Security) in 225 \$ Jan. 13. Renewed for same sum April 16. Renewed to day for 150 dollars. Spaid 75 dollar principal - 45 cents interest since Note was due July 18 - 2.33 interest on 150 \$ 93 days, and 30 cents discount on money - all 78.08. He sent in 82.00; so I have \$3.92 of his money, to account for. [See March 22, 1839.]

Hear that Ebenezer Gce, an old neighbor of my father, died on Saturday & was buried today. He was about 85.

Thermometer (Lyman & Clark) New York 98°

31 Tuesday. Took of Sylvester 10. Paid his stage fare to Hartford 2.50 & 50 cents more. Drove him \$7.00. He went to Hartford.

In afternoon, went into North Meadows. The dry weather has brought forth grasshoppers by millions - they have not as yet done much damage. The growth affects the upland considerably and the meadows some.

In the evening, at Channery Planks. Letter to C. Parkman by D. Stoddard, who goes to N. Haven tomorrow.

Mean Temperature of July here 71° (almost 72°)

or at sunrise 63° } 2 deg. lower than
at 1 P.M. 84° } at Waltham.
at 9 " " 68° } most of difference is
at 9 P.M. 72° }

Mean Temp. of July at Salem - 1837 66°
" " " " " " 1838 72°

Mean Temp. of July at Dart. Col. 1835 - 67.7
1836 - 68.5
1837 - 63.5
1838 - 69.48
at sunrise 62° }
1/2 P.M. 77.84 }
9 1/2 " " 68.60 }
Difference from here chiefly at 1/2.

29. Last night was the hottest night this season. Same at Salem.

Ther. 75° sunrise } Barometer 29.70
180 at 7 A.M. } mostly Cloudy in morning
92 at 1 P.M. } mostly Clear before 9. Hot.
94 at 2 " " }
88 at 4 " " }
86 at 5 " " }
81 at 7 " " } Ther. 74° at 10. P.M.

Wind at sunrise S. Clouds passing from W. N. W. at 7 1/2 S. W. at 8 W. N. W. agreeing with clouds. Continued W. N. W. some N. W. till night and in evening. Only a gentle breeze. Evening clear.

This morning was the hottest morning this year, till 8 or 9; after the wind blew from W. N. W. & N. W. the increase of the heat was checked a little, & the day was not quite so warm as yesterday & one or two before. There is sufficient evidence that we may have very hot weather with the wind in the W. N. W. and N. W.

30. Ther. 70° at sunrise } Barometer - 29.54
180 at 9 A.M. } At first Clear - next Cloudy.
90 at 11 1/2 " " } Mostly Clear after 9. Hot.
90 at 12 1/2 P.M. }
90 at 1 " " } Large flying clouds.
88 at 2 1/2 " " } Afternoon very clear, but
82 at 4 " " } windy.
79 at 5 " " }
73 at 7 " " }
67 at 9 " " }

Wind at sunrise S. next S. S. E. Clouds passing from N. W. - Wind next S. E. next S. S. W. next S. W. - at 10 W. N. W. agreeing with clouds & some W. - a fine breeze till noon.

Wind P.M. W. N. W. & strong - modified heat, and Mercury fell. Wind was high after 1. and after 4 still higher. Wind continued W. N. W. & some W. till night. Rather boisterous for zephyrus. Latter part of day very pleasant. Very fine evening - wind W. & W. N. W. Hardly 9 o'clock bell was very distinct, though the course of the wind was against it.

31. Ther. 54° at sunrise } Barometer - 29.77
79 at 1 P.M. } Clear - partly a cloud
79 at 3 " " } for 3/4 of the day.
77 at 5 " " } Very pleasant day.
69 at 7 " " }
65 at 9 " " }

Wind at first N. W. next N. and on to N. E. & N. E. at 8 1/2 S. E. - at 9 1/2 W. S. W. and W. - at 11 1/2 N. W.

Soon after 12, W. S. W. - at 1 P.M. W. N. W. - at 3 N. W. soon W. N. W. again. There mostly till night.

Crinkly clouds towards night, & denser in the west by the setting sun. Evening mostly cloudy.

July Temperatures.

A Rochester paper gives the average heat there in July for 34 years - Observations at 10 A.M. & P.M.
- 1831, 71.3 = 1832, 74° = 1833, 70.9 = 1834, 76 =
- 1835, 72 = 1836, 72° = 1837, 68.0 = 1838, 75 =
July 1834 was very hot month - It was hottest 95° at R.
July 1838 above is only first 25 days, at Boston 100 - 1834

The weather on the western lakes & in the Western States does not correspond at all with that of New England, as to changes, heat, cold, &c.

At Waltham. - Mean Temp of July 74.40
viz. Sunrise 64 1/2 } 2 degrees higher than any
2 P.M. 85 1/2 } years since 1825. and
9 " " 73 3/4 } nearly 7 degrees warmer than
July 1837.

Warmest day throughout was 11th at W. Warm day till past noon, 29th at W. Great drought at W. Vardine disappearing - Crops withering. Great wind, with heat & dust, on 30th. at W. Damaged done. This went above 90, 4th, 5th, 9, 11, 15, 28, 29 & 30th July at W.

Wind at Dart. Col. in July - N. 2 - N. W. 11 1/2 - N. E. 1/3
W. 2 1/2 - S. W. 9 - S. E. 3 1/2 - E. 0 - S. 2. Total 31 days.

August 1838

At 9 A.M.

Wednesday 1st. Letter from C. Parkman.
Went in afternoon with Mrs.
Graves, Mary Graves, and
Apphia, in Mr Graves wagon
into Old Rainbow, Ventu-
ers (field) & South Meadow.

Broom corn begins to show
the tassels, heads or bristh.
There will be no second crop
of grass in the meadows.

Evening, at meeting on account
of West India Emancipation.
Mr. Child spoke; also Mr. Clark
and Rev. Mr. Stearns.

Sister Hall & 2 children
came from Greenfield toward
night.

Thursday 2. Sister Hall left for
Westampton P.M.
At Chauncy Clark's in evening
Mr. Shammah Clarke there.

Friday 3. In various matters.
Hear much complaint of drouth
here & in other towns. How or no
potatoes, yet corn drying up
on plains.

Saturday 4. Papers give accounts
of severe drouth in other
States. Corn, potatoes, pastures
& gardens, seriously injured.
"Dry weather" is the talk here.
Yet the meadows are not
much injured, but are beginning
to suffer. Drier to corn.

P.M. Went to the North end of the
Canal & then down the
Connecticut to Ellwells
Island - crossed over the
sand to the Island - three
or 4 acres have been mowed
but the grass is coarse & poor.
Came up into the road
near Ellwells - viewed
Mr. Hubbards crops &c.

Sent papers to H. T. Hooker by Mr. Masters

Sunday. Mr. Wiley in the
forenoon. Sacramento.
Mr. Mitchell in afternoon.
Hottest day at Salem - 99°

Monday 6. In old affairs.
Borrowed 50¢ of Isaac Colcutt
and gave note - most of it for
brother Hooker.
Ther. in N. York (C.H.) 90°

C. The smoke has disappeared
and the sky has recovered its
fine azure - rather deeper
blue than usual. Thunder
clouds arose after 12 - on
passed S.W. of us, and one (heavy
showers) to N.E. of us. They passed as
usual toward S.E. or E.S.E. A heavy
shower here with thunder at 1 1/2.
Ther. sunk 20 degrees in 20 minutes.
This cloud turned in this valley
from going E.S.E. to going S. and S.S.E.
& was a severe storm S.E. of us.

1st. Ther. 66° at sunrise } Barometer 29.65
87 at 1 P.M. } Cloudy in morning.
87 at 2 " " } Clear after 8 1/2.
85 at 3 " " } Flying clouds.
75 at 6 " " } Afternoon windy.
71 at 7 " "
64 at 9 " "

Wind at first S. next S.E. next E. & on to N. at 7 1/2
At 9 S.E. and before noon round to W.N.W. Cloudy
had been passing from W.N.W. since sunrise.
Wind P.M. first W.N.W. Continued till night.
Evening mostly clear - Wind N.W.

2nd. Ther. 61° at sunrise } Barometer 29.85
82 at 12 } Cloudy in morning.
82 at 1 P.M. } Sun shone through high thin
79 at 2 " " } clouds most of A.M.
81 at 3 " " } More clear P.M.
78 at 5 " "
69 at 7 " "
58 at 10 " "

Wind at first N.W. - at 9 N.N.E. - on to N.E. & E.N.E.
do P.M. first E.N.E. at 11 E.S.E. - at 3 S.E. at 5 E.N.E.
at 7 N. Evening clear - wind Northwily.
Weather dry & some smoky.
Katahdids have been heard 3 or 4 evenings.

3. Ther. 52° at sunrise } Barometer 30.04
80 at 10 1/2 } Clear - smoky, heavy dew.
80 at 1 P.M. }
80 at 2 " "
81 at 3 " "
78 at 5 " "
70 at 7 " "
68 at 9 " "

Wind at first N. at 7 1/2 N.N.E. at 8 1/2 N. - at 10 N.N.E.
at 10 3/4 N.E. - at 11 1/4 N.N.E.
Wind P.M. first N.E. at 12 1/2 N. at 2 N.N.E.
at 4 N.N.W. - at 4 1/2 W.N.W. till night
Evening clear - wind Southwily. The S. wind
checked the fall of the mercury, but it became cool
before morning.

4. Ther. 53° at sunrise } Barometer 30.08
86 at 1 P.M. } Clear, but some smoky. H. Dew.
85 at 2 " " } Appearances of continued dry weather
84 at 3 " " } clouds of dust raised.
76 at 7 " "
69 at 9 " "

Wind at first S. & nearly S. till toward noon, then S.W.
Wind P.M. at first S.W. next W.N.W. about 1 - at 2 N.W.
at 3 1/2 W.S.W. and some W. at 6 1/2 S.W.
Evening clear - wind S.S.W.

5. Ther. 62° at sunrise } Barometer 29.93
90 at 12 } Clear with some smoke. Light dew.
92 at 1 P.M. } The blue of the sky is very pale
94 at 2 " " } & what some call grey.
93 at 3 " " } Many clouds after 8 or 9 - mostly
87 at 4 " " } high ones. Hot. Cloudy after 3.
78 at 5 " "
75 at 7 " "

Wind at first S.S.W. - at 6 1/2 S. - at 7 S.S.E. - Wind
was nearly S.E. till from 10 till 1. At 1 S.S.W.
At 1 1/2 S.W. and brisk. at 4 S.S.W. brisk - at 4 1/2 S.
Continued S. till night & in evening.
Wind was Southwily all day, yet the lower clouds
were all day (after 9) passing from W.N.W.
After 3 it was cloudy - no sunshine. Evening cloudy.
Rained some in the night - wet loose earth 1 1/2 inches
Some water stood in the road.

6. Ther. 70° at sunrise } Barometer 29.69
82 at 9 A.M. } Cloudy at first.
92 at 1 P.M. } mostly Clear at 8.
94 at 1 1/3 " } Many clouds after 10. Hot.
74 at 2 1/3 " } At 11 heaviest shower this summer.
76 at 3 " } Partly clear after 4. Sun set clear.
75 at 5 " "
71 at 7 " "

Wind at first S.S.E. Cloud passing from W.N.W.
at 7 1/2 S. - at 8 1/2 S.W. - at 9 W. - at 10 W.N.W. agreeing
with clouds. Wind brisk. Toward noon S.W.
Wind P.M. first W.S.W. soon W. and W.N.W. - At 1 1/4 turned
to N. and some N.N.W. till shower was over.
At 1 3/4 W.N.W. - at 2 1/4 S.W. - at 4 S.S.W. at 6 S.E.
Evening very fine - not a cloud. Wind S.S.E.

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At 9 A.M.

Tuesday 7. Took Note of Horace Wright for 100th towards what B. B. Hoxie owes me for debt due to Sarah A. Edwards. Hoxie's Note is 100th but has interest due on it about \$13. Dated Wright's Note in June 30. 1838.

Sent 40 dollars to H. T. Hooker by the Post-ride, Master.
Stopped the Republican - too much of it. I wanted no more.
It is a vile paper.

Wednesday 8. Sent by Saml. F. Phelps to N. York my certificate of Rail Road stock. See 14th & 14th June. Also sent powers of Attorney (mine & H. A. Dwight's) for dividend of 4 percent on the Rail Road shares which was due Aug. 1. 1838. Phelps gave me 4 per cent. or 40 dollars for this dividend - in advance.

Spent part of day in regard to division of real estate of late Doct. D. Hunt - nothing done.
Spent part of day in reference to trial of Geo. Dwight, who has been acting very foolishly, to say no worse.

Thursday 9. Dividers of Dr. Hunt's estate again together.
Had business with Perez Smiths.
Abel Gouch gave me written permission of the land he mortgaged to my father in 1823. I gave him a writing purporting that he might have the use of it 3 years, by paying the interest of the Note yearly Jan. 1. 1839 Jan. 1. 1840 & Jan. 1. 1841.
At Geo. A. Dwight's in Evening.

Friday 10. Rode into meadow with Warner - Granhoppers innumerable & doing some injury to corn, potatoes, buckwheat &c. Owen Kingsley here. Conversed considerably on his affairs. Paid up Leake for shoe-work.

Saturday 11. Rode to Harding or Perry with O. Warner. Got wet some.
Geo. A. Dwight's affairs settled by the parties.
Potatoes - owing to hot, dry weather new potatoes have not grown - are very scarce & sell for a dollar per bush.
Beef - Meat, are high & not plenty - grass-fed cows bring \$6.

Sunday 12. Mr. Dean, who is preaching at Hatfield preached all day.

It is now "dog days", so called, but it has been to day most delightful weather. Atmosphere clear & pure refreshing breeze, deep azure sky, slight shadows very distinct, a few fleecy clouds, soft & delicate, &c. Evening very fine - not a cloud.

7th. Ther. 70° at sunrise
86 at 12
87 at 1 P.M.
88 at 2
89 at 3
83 at 5
69 at 7

Barometer - 29.72
Cloudy in morning.
Clear soon after 9.
Pleasant day. Blue sky.

Wind at first S.E. - then till after 10 - turned to N.N.W. and N.W. The clouds had been passing from W.N.W. for hours - the wind & clouds were in unison after 10.

Wind P.M. just N.W. refreshing breeze - at 1, W.N.W. Continued W.N.W. till night.
Evening very fine - Wind N.W.
Towards night there were high cirrus clouds in shapes indicative of rain.

8th Ther. 59° at sunrise
83 at 1 P.M.
84 at 2
82 at 3
81 at 4
68 at 7
63 at 9

Barometer 30.02
Clear all day & evening.
Pleasant. Sky cross blue.

Wind at first N.W. next N. - at 8 N.N.E. mostly N.W. till noon - some N.E. & some N.
Wind P.M. E.N.E. - next N.W. - at 2 1/2 W.N.W. at 4 N.N.E. at 6 N.E. at 7 1/2 N.N.W. - at 9 N.W.

9th Ther. 62° at sunrise
80 at 11 1/4 A.M.
79 at 1 P.M.
77 at 2
72 at 5
71 at 7
70 at 9

Barometer - 30.02
Cloudy & Fog at 6 o'clock
all day
Began to rain a little at 6 P.M.
Some rain in evening.

Wind at first S. Continued between S.S.W. & S.S.E. till night, except a little S.E. Clouds were passing from S.W. & S.S.W.

10. Ther. 68° at sunrise
82 at 10 1/2 A.M.
84 at 1 P.M.
80 at 2
78 at 5
71 at 7
68 at 9

Barometer - 29.89
Partly Cloudy, in first.
Fog about top of Mt. Olympus
Alternate clouds & sunshine A.M.
Clear P.M. & Pleasant.
High clouds towards night.

Wind at first N. Continued N. and some N.N.E. till 11 1/2, then N.E. - continued N.E. till 4, then E. at 4 1/2 E. S. E. till night & in evening.
Evening cloudy.

"Great Western" Steamer, come again - was 15 days from Bristol to New York - from July 22 to Aug. 5. inclusive - made 3103 miles or 207 per day. Sailed W by S. or nearly that all the way. Wind between W.N.W. and N.E. every day but 2. then N. Cloudy 6 days, rainy 2. Haze or fog 2. fine 4 - 1.

11th Ther. 64° at sunrise
72 at 1 P.M.
73 at 3
70 at 7
69 at 9

Barometer - 29.86
Cloudy all day.
A shower about 9, from S.E.
Began to rain again about 6 P.M.
Some thunder.

Wind at first E.S.E. - after 8, S.E. and S.S.E. till 11 1/2 then S.
P.M. S. and S.S.E. mostly S. till night.
Rained all the evening Wind Southerly.
till about 9 - not after

12 Ther. 66° at sunrise
80 at 1 P.M.
81 at 2
79 at 3
76 at 5
68 at 7
64 at 9

Barometer 29.67
Clear. Fine azure sky.
A delightful day.

Wind at first S.S.E. at 7 1/2 W.N.W. - at 10 1/2 N.W. & a fine cool breeze. At 4 W.N.W. - continued till night & in evening.

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Aug. A.M.

Monday 13. The Pennsylvania Banks, some in this and other states, resume specie payments to-day after a suspension of 15 months.

Received letter from S. F. Phelps enclosing certificate of five shares of the B. & P. Rail Road stock in my name. The 10 shares now stand in my name, viz

5 dated May 2^d 1837 - No 1013

5 dated Aug 10. 1838 - No 1531.

Mr Phelps received the dividend \$40.

I have now received 3 dividends of 40 dollars each, viz. July 1837, and January & July 1838 = 8 percent per yr.

All day measuring land of late Dr. Hunt. A. Hall Parsons tarried here at night - went out in stage for Boston.

Tuesday 14. Plotted land of late Dr. Hunt. Rode with Dr. Thompson to see Abner Hunt place & other lands. Mr Gurney, a Quaker from England, prayed & gave an address in the old church in the evening, with some intervals of silence. His subject was Christ and his atonement. He was sufficiently orthodox, but there was nothing new in his arguments or views. He was rather old-fashioned and reminded me of some of the old clergy of N. England 30 or 40 years ago. His prayer was appropriate, but uttered in a sing-song manner as if it was in meter.

Wednesday 15. Plotting land, trading &c. Whittle, lemons plenty. Potatoes 4¢/bush. Bought undersize at 50¢, have now 10 Gals. Bought sugar at 9.9¢ & 10 cents, have now on hand 60 bush brought home till. Frost this morning about Salem. (see Sept 18)

Thursday 16. In the afternoon sons J. Walker, Sylvester, C. Parkman & Hall, and grandson & sister & nephews arrived from Hartford. My children are now all here.

Friday 17. Visiting with children, and dividing Dr. Hunt's land. Brother Smith wife & child here to dinner. We had 14 to dine. J. W. & 4 or 5 more went to East Hampton in afternoon.

Gave 10¢ for the 1st for Lamb - have bought no fresh meat before for 2 months or more.

Saturday 18. Visiting with children. Rode out to paper mill. Stopped suit against Peter Smith. He paid the cost \$3.17. He promised to pay half the debt before the 1st of January next.

13. Ther. 56° at sunrise } Barometer 29.88
80 at 1 P.M. } Clear.
78 at 2 " " } Fine air & sky
76 at 3 " " } Pleasant day
67 at 7 " " }
63 at 9 " " }

Wind at first S.W. About 9 W. N. W. and a fresh breeze - continued all day and in evening W. N. W. and some S. W. Mackenel back clouds toward night - Evening partly cloudy - partly clear.

14. Ther. 57° at sunrise } Barometer - 30.12
70 at 1 P.M. } Clear & Cool.
70 at 3 1/2 " " }
69 at 5 " " } A very fine day.
56 at 7 " " } Sky less blue & more grey.
50 at 9 1/2 " " }

Wind at first N. - at 8. N. N. E. Continued N. N. E. with slight variations till night. Evening N. Evening bright & cold.

Another cool & pleasant dog-day. The mercury has not been so low in the evening since last May.

15. Ther. 45° at sunrise } Barometer - 30.07
78 at 1 P.M. } Foggy morning & heavy dew
84 at 2 " " } Coldest morning since May
82 at 3 " " } Clear at 7.
76 at 5 " " } Haze or thin clouds. P.M. comes from S.
64 at 7 " " } Mostly obscured Sun.
61 at 9 " " } grew denser towards night.

Wind at first N. next N. N. E. next N. E. on to E. and before noon S. E.

Wind P.M. first S. E. at 2 S. W. - at 2 1/2 W. N. W. next S. W. at 5 S. S. W. soon S. W. so till night. Evening partly cloudy - some stars

16. Ther. 62° at sunrise } Barometer - 29.92
68 at 12 M. } Began to Rain before sunrise
67 at 2 & 3. } Rained moderately most of the day
67 at 5 " } Rained hard in evening.
66 at 7 " }
66 at 9 " }

Wind at first S. S. E. continued S. S. E. till afternoon, at 1 P.M. S. E. - at 3 S. S. E. and till night. Though the wind (lowest current) was S. S. E. the rain clouds came from S. S. W.

17. Ther. 63° at sunrise } Barometer
78 at 1 P.M. } Clear.
76 at 2 " " } many large clouds passed
66 at 7 " " } Fine sky & fine day.
61 at 9 " " } Rather windy.

Wind at first N. W. - continued N. W. & W. N. W. till night, and a good breeze - mostly N. W. Evening bright & cool. Wind W. N. W.

18. Ther. 56° at sunrise } Barometer
80 at 1 P.M. } Fair in morn. with high
83 at 2 " " } gossamer, brushy clouds
73 at 5 " " } Clouds increased in number
67 at 7 " " } & density - mingled with
62 at 9 " " } sunshine.

Wind W. N. W. all day. Evening N. W. A good day to be about, though many clouds, at times. The clouds were in forms indicating rain, that is, the high clouds. Evening mostly clear.

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Sunday 19. Mr. Wiley (all day.
We almost filled two pails.
In the evening, sonly Lester
delivered an abolition address
in the Town Hall. He had delivered
it before at Hartford, but altered
it some for this place.

Monday 20. J. W. carried myself, wife
Ogden, son, Benjamin & Albert to
various places - Bro. Matthews, E. H.
Sister Lyman, E. H. Brother Parsons
W. H. Brother Hooker's W. H. and we
came home by Robert's Meadow
& called there. Home at 6 1/2 P.M.
All sons but J. W. over to Academy
Exhibition at Hadley in evening.
Talk at home about S. & E. G.

Tuesday 21. J. W. carried 5 others to South
Hadley and Amherst. Came home
after 10 P.M.

I was at Chauncy Clark's in evening
He going to Boston to reside, having
an office in the Custom-House.
Retadids very mesical in South St.

Wednesday 22. Commencement at
Amherst. 4 sons went over.
C. Parkman remained here.

Have had old potatoes till now. New
ones are yet small & few in a hill.

Paid brother Parsons for butter. In 15
weeks, viz May 16 to Aug. 22, inclusive
have had 54 pounds and paid \$9. for it.
Brother P. & wife here at dinner & tea.

Thursday 23. Children at home most
of the day & I with them. Part of them
rode out to C. Dwight's towards night.
Parkman & I called at Chauncy Clark's.
Cousin John & Judd here at dinner.
Yesterday & today were dog-days -
rather disagreeable for account
of heat &c. Some would call them
sultry - Reddish or Orange color
in West after sunset.

Friday 24. Mr. Brown from Temple-
ton & his 3 daughters here to day.
We had 15 persons at dinner.
The Browns left us P.M.

To-day has been hot, sultry and
uncomfortable - the 3^d dog-day.
After thunder shower, the evening
was clear.
Thermom. 90° in New York.

19 Thur. 51° at sunrise } Clear - not a cloud
74 at 1 P.M. } in morning.
75 at 2 " } Flying clouds toward noon
74 at 3 1/2 " } and in afternoon.
71 at 6 " } Pleasant day.
54 at 9 1/2 " } Fine air and sky.

Wind N. at first - at 9 1/2 N.N.E. - at 2 P.M. N.E.
Continued N.E. till night & in evening.
Though wind was N.N.E. & N.E. yet the
flying clouds passed from N.W. to S.E.
N.B. By wind is meant the lower current
that acts upon the vane of the meeting
house.
Evening clear & cool.

20. Thur. 52° at sunrise } Mostly Clear in morning.
81 at 1 P.M. } Pleasant day.
77 at 4 " } Some high & some low clouds.
71 at 7 " }
65 " 9 " }

Wind at first N.N.E. - at 9 1/2 N.E. before noon
turned to S.E. - then most of P.M. At 7 it
was E.S.E.
Head Hadley & Easthampton 9 o'clock bell.

21. Thur. 59° at sunrise } Morning Hazy.
82 at 1 P.M. } Became Clear about 10
82 at 2 " }
84 at 4 " } High thin clouds from N. about 10
76 at 6 " } Thicker clouds followed. (P.M.)
72 at 9 " } A shower with thunder at 5 1/2
Rose in N.W. - turned to S. or S.S.W.

Wind at first S. Remained S. & some S.S.E. till
about noon - then S.E. till 4, then S.S.E.
at 5 1/2 S.S.W. but clouds passing from N.
at 6 1/2 S. same in evening.
Evening mostly clear.

22. Thur. 64° at sunrise } Cloudy & foggy.
83 at 11 P.M. } Clear at 10, and
86 at 1 P.M. } rest of day.
89 at 2 " } People complain of heat.
85 at 3 " }
81 at 6 " }
69 at 9 " }

Wind at first S. or N. (could not see vane clearly)
After fog, N.N.E. - at 10 N. till noon.
Wind P.M. N. & N.N.E. till 2, then E.S.E.
Continued E.S.E. till night & in evening.
Evening clear. - Aurora Borealis

23. Thur. 64° at sunrise } Cloudy & foggy in morn.
86 at 1 & 2. } Clear about 10.
85 at 3 }
80 at 6 }
72 at 9 }

Wind at first (could not see vane); at 7 N.E.
at 8 N.N.E. - at 9 1/2 S.E. - continued S.E.
and some S.S.E. till 3. At 3 S. - at 4 S.S.W.
Continued S.S.W. till night. Evening clear.

24. Thur. 68° at sunrise } Cloudy, fog, smoke &c.
89 at 12 } Mostly Clear after 10. Hot.
92 at 1 P.M. } Before noon & P.M. high
93 at 2 " } thin clouds, of all forms.
90 at 3 & 4. } Grew denser.
80 at 6 - }
70 at 9 - }

Wind at first S. next S.S.W. - before noon
turned to S.E. & S.E.
P.M. first S.E. next S.S.W. - at 2 W. at 3 W. & N.
at 3 1/2 S.W. Continued S.W. & S.S.W. till night.
Thunder shower from W. N.W. passed South of
us about 7. Little rain here. Incessant
lightning in S.E. for an hour or more.

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Saturday 25. Sons, Arthur & and grandson started for Hartford this morning. George Lyman here. Sylvester went to E.H. with him.

Very dry. Potatoes still bring about 60 cents per bushel. Spring wheat yields much less than was anticipated - about 12 bushels to a shock or a little over - say 10 or 12 bushels per acre. Some does better. Wheat berries still plenty at 5 cts. Have been about 4 weeks or more. Good apples worth about 75 cts. bushel - flower ones not so high. Ripe pumpkins are selling at 12 cts.

Read pamphlet of a young man's conversion from Calvinism to Unitarianism published as a Unitarian Tract. The author of the tract is Sylvester. It was printed last March.

To-day was the 4th dog day. Heavy storm at Providence & vicinity, & in many places in Massachusetts.

Sunday 26. Dr. Cox formerly of N. York preached all day. I do not admire him as a preacher.

To-day has been pleasant, but quite cool enough, and a little too windy.

Monday 27. Some early kinds of corn are nearly ripe - stalks cut on some pieces.

Sylvester returned from E.H.

Coldest day since last May. Fire very comfortable. Some offices &c. had fires. We gathered round the kitchen fire in the evening.

Clouds to day did not correspond with the vane - was from W. S.W. &c. P.M. - none from E. of S.

Tuesday 28. About various matters. Paid some bills.

25. Ther. 61° at sunrise } Hazy, foggy. Smoky
86 at 12 }
88 at 1 P.M. } Mostly Clear at 8 1/2
91 at 2 " } Hot & sultry. Sky grey.
93 at 2 1/2 " } High clouds from N. after 12
88 at 3 } Grew denser.
68 at 4 1/2 }
68 at 5 }
Wind at first S.S.E. - at 8 W.N.W. - at 9 S. -
just before noon S.S.W. and a gentle breeze.
P.M. first S.S.W. at 2 S.W. and no breeze.
After 2 very hot, though the clouds almost obscured the sun. No air stirring.
Thermom. went up to nearly 94.
Sun entirely hidden at 3 & then down to 88.
Wind at 3 S.S.W. - at 3 1/4 N.W. - at 3 1/2 N. -
at 3 3/4 N.E. - at 4 N.E. - went round to N. and
at 4 1/4 was W. - at 5 N.E. - at 7 S. Evening S.

Dark wind clouds came from N.W. at 3 1/4. High wind some minutes. Soon dark clouds began to pass from S.W. to N.E. & seemed to overpower the others - they continued, yet the vane was N.W. to N. In the S.W. near the horizon there were no clouds; these clouds came from S.W. but did not first rise there. At 3 1/2 another set of clouds came on from W.N.W. with the vane N.E. There was a strange commingling. At 4 a thunder cloud was passing from W. yet the vane was N.E. & strong wind from N.E. Therm. fell 20 degrees from 3 to 4 o'clock. At 4 1/2 vane was W. & agreed with clouds. We had a gentle shower. Rainbow about sunset. Evening cloudy.

26 Ther. 68° at sunrise } has been 68 since 4 P.M. yesterday
68 also at 8 A.M. }
72 at 10 1/2 " } Clear - no clouds in motion
72 at 1 1/2 P.M. } Clouds began to pass from N.W.
68 at 3 1/2 " } after 7. But few after 9.
62 at 6 " } Fine day - pure air - fine sky
52 at 9 " } Cool.

Wind at first W. and W.N.W. - fine zephyr. at 7 1/2 wind veered to N.E. - at 9 N. at 10 1/2 N.W. and N.N.W. - at 1 P.M. N.N.W. Wind pretty brisk - at times very strong. At 2 N.W. Continued N.W. till night & in evening evening clear & cool.

27 Ther. 42° at sunrise } Coldest morn'g. since May.
58 at 12 } Fair at first, but soon
60 at 1 } crinkly & thin clouds arose
58 at 4 1/2 } from N.W.
57 at 6 } At 6 cloudy at 7.
55 at 9 } Began to rain a little P.M.

Wind at first W.N.W. - at 9 S.S.W. & till noon P.M. just S.S.W. - at 1 S. - next S.S.E. - at 4 S.E. Continued S.E. till night. Rained gently part of the afternoon and most of the evening. Cleared off in the night. Clear at 2 A.M.

28. At sunrise, fair with high & low thin clouds of various forms passing from N.W. At 7 1/2 clouds more dense & larger

Ther. 52° at sunrise } Mostly Clear at 10.
75 at 12 } Fly. in clouds.
77 at 1 } Fine sky & air. Pleasant day.
76 at 2 } Cool.
66 at 6 }
54 at 9 }

Wind at first S.S.W. next W.S.W. - at 7 1/2 W.N.W. Continued W.N.W. & a fine breeze till near night. Wind strong P.M. Towards night & coming N.W. Evening clear.

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Wednesday 29. Chester H. Gee and his sister Olive Hubbert from Thompson, Ohio, came here in afternoon & took tea. They were neighbors in my younger days.

Sylvester to Belchertown to day with Geo. Lyman, to Ordination of Mr. Oviatt. Returned & Geo. Lyman came in about sunset from New Haven - quite a gathering to see the boat.

Thursday 30. Gave Joseph Breech of Batavia, minutes & inquiries to make respecting Dr. H. M. Wells. Another boat in (for passengers) and another collection of people. Tornado near Providence, in R.I.

Friday 31. Mr. Waterston of Boston a friend of Sylvester here. They went to Mt. Holyoke. A caravan of animals here & many people to see them.

Average Temp. of Aug. at Wattham

Sunrise $60\frac{1}{2}$ } Average }
 at 2 P.M. $80\frac{1}{2}$ } of all } 69.16
 at 9 " " $67\frac{1}{2}$ }

Here as before the difference between Wattham and N.H. is at 9 o'clock chiefly.

Average of 3 Summer months 70.85
 do do do 1837. 65.48

Average of August in 1837 65.00.

Remarks of C.H. at Wattham - This is one of the most Delightful summers ever experienced in New England. Some crops injured by Drouth, but rains in August restored vigor & verdure to vegetation. Crops are abundant. Season has been distinguished for long continued heat, & especially for terrific thunder & lightning - there have been grand displays 19 days or nights.

September, 1838

Saturday 1. Chester H. Gee here again. Have applicants who want aid in regard to records of marriages, so that some widows may get on the pension list.

Sunday 2. Mr. Wiley all day.

Thunder & Lightning. The remarks above about Thunder & Lightning will not apply here. There has been frequent Thunder, but hardly one terrific. There is storm over our village. He makes 19 days for sublime, terrific Thunder, viz June 12, 13, 14, 17, 22, 25 - July 5, 10, 11, 20, 25, 29. Aug. 5, 6, 16, 24, 25, 30. Thunder occurred on many other days, he says. Last year, he says, only 7 days, & even remarkable for Thunder & lightning, & summer of 1836 not one.

29. Ther. 44° at sunrise } Clear - not a cloud
 73 at 1 P.M. } at sunrise.
 72 at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ } High thin clouds toward
 60 at 7 } night.
 59 at 9 } Pleasant Day. Cool.

Wind at sunrise N.N.W. next N.N.E. back to N.N.W. Remained between these points till after 11 o'clock - then fluctuated - was in several points soon after 12 was W.N.W. at 1. E.S.E. next S.E. Towards night S. Evening S. Evening mostly Cloudy till later Clear at 11.

30 Ther. 56° at sunrise } mostly Clear. Some clouds
 80 at 1 P.M. } Clouds passed from W. & S.W.
 68 at $1\frac{1}{3}$ } Grew more Cloudy.
 76 at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ } Thunder cloud came from
 74 at 4 } W.N.W. at 1. & a gentle Shower.
 61 at 7 } Fair at 2. Pleasant after 2.
 56 at 9 }

Wind at first S. at 9. S.S.W. at 10 S.W. till noon After 12, turned to W. and W.N.W. about 1. During Shower, from 1 to $1\frac{1}{4}$. Thermometer fell from 80 to 68. Wind W.N.W. till after 3. next N.W. and a fine breeze. Next W.N.W. till night. Evening very clear & fine.

31 Ther. 43° at sunrise } Clear.
 73 at 1 P.M. } Ground warm, high thin
 79 at 2 " } clouds, indicative of rain.
 77 at 3 " } More clear than at 2.
 65 at 6 " } Thin clouds came on again
 60 at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ } but day was Fair & Pleasant.

Wind at sunrise N.W. - at 9 S. - at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ E. next S.E. till noon. P.M. first S.E. - after 4 till night and in evening, between S. and S.W. Evening mostly cloudy.

Average Temp. of August here Sunrise $58\frac{12}{31}$
 was. $67\frac{13}{31}$ viz. 1 P.M. $80\frac{25}{31}$
 9 " " $63\frac{31}{31}$.

August has not been very hot month. The Therm. rose above 90 only 4 days - viz. 5, 6, 24, & 25.

Temp. of 3 summers at Colebrook, Conn. at 2 P.M. Average
 June 1836. 68° - July 1836. 78° - Aug. 1836. $72\frac{1}{2}$ = $72\frac{1}{2}$
 do. 1837. 71 - do 1837. $74\frac{1}{2}$ - do. 1837. $71\frac{1}{2}$ = $72\frac{1}{2}$
 do. 1838. $77\frac{3}{4}$ do 1838. $81\frac{1}{2}$ - do. 1838. 77 - $78\frac{1}{2}$
 This refers only to 2 P.M.

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1st. Showers with thunder between 4 & 5 in the morning. Considerable rain fell.

Ther. 60 at sunrise } Cloudy & some fog at first.
 78 at 12 } Mostly Clear at 10
 80 at 1 } Mostly Cloudy at 12
 81 at 2 } Mostly Clear at 2.
 72 at 5 }
 61 at 7 } Some high thin clouds. P.M.
 55 at 9 }

Wind at first N.E. next N.N.E. at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ S. at 11. S.S.E. till afternoon. At 2 W.N.W. at 4 N.W. till night. Evening Clear - wind W.N.W.

2 Ther. 52° at sunrise } Clear, with cold wind.
 65 at 1 P.M. } Flying clouds.
 66 " 2 " }
 67 " 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " } A fine day - fine air, but
 54 " 6 " } rather too cold & windy.
 44 " 9 " } Fine comfortable.

Wind at first N.N.W. - continued there all Day Evening. brisk & evening bright latter part of day & evening Coldest since May.

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Monday 3. Sylvester left us
at 5. this morning for
Cambridge.

Picked & shelled garden beans, that
are fully ripe, for seed beans.
Things are ripe early this season.
Apples, appear to be very plenty
on trees, but good apples are
not very abundant - sell at 50
cents a bushel, early eating apples.
Crab-apples ripe & red.

Tuesday 4. Pension Day - many
old soldiers about - I love
to converse with these old
men, the relics of a former
generation.

Was some hours aiding widows
to get on the pension list.
Saw some aiding E. H. Lee.

Wednesday 5. E. H. Lee here again.
On old affairs.

Thursday 6. Eber Hunt & Cumming
ton here. Settled with him.
Owed him for Pork & cheese in 1837. 34.63
Paid him by balance of old Note 14.00
" " " Indorsed new do. 20.63
34.63

Had of him now a cheese 16 lbs. not
settled for. - Engaged Pork of him.
Brother Alathus wife here to
dinner - Brother Parsons went
with him to look at cows &
borrowed money for him \$4.00
at Isaac Clark's.

Gave 20 cts for butter; 12 1/2 cts a pound
for salt shad; 4 1/2 cts for wheat flour;
13 cts for rye flour.

Friday 7. Brother Smith here
to dinner. Sister Lyman
& Theresa here to tea. I
was with them most of the day.

Saturday 8. Finished a letter to
Doct. Edwin Cooke, Niagara Falls.

Sunday 9. Dr. Brown of Hadley
all day.

3d. Ther. 42° at sunrise
64 at 1 and 2
64 at 3 and 4
60 at 6
45 at 9
Partly Cloudy at 5
All Clear at 6
Hardly a cloud all day
Pleasant & cool.

Wind at sunrise N.W. - at 8 N.E. next N.W.
continued N.W. till noon, and till night.
Fine day - bright evening
Had a fire in the room we live in
for the first time since last Spring.

4th Ther. 39° at sunrise
68 at 1
70 at 2
60 at 6
48 at 9
a little white frost here, but
no damage done.
Clear - not a cloud to day
Sky more grey.
Very fine day.

Wind at first N. - continued N. & some N.W.
till noon. - P.M. wind N.W. - at 2 N.E.
continued N.E. till night & in evening
Evening bright.
More frost here on Westford river at Cummington
&c. than here - but very trifling damage.

5th Ther. 44° at sunrise
81 at 1 P.M.
82 at 2
80 at 3 1/2
71 at 6
60 at 9
Clear - No clouds to day.
Sky greyish.
Fine day.

Wind at first N. - at 10 E.S.E. & till 2 P.M.
at 2 P.M. W.N.W. Continued W.N.W. and
some N.W. till night. Evening N.W.
Evening not a cloud.
Rusty red in E. at sunrise, & W. at sunset.

6th Ther. 50° at sunrise
78 at 1 P.M.
77 at 2
71 at 6
54 at 9
Some fog at sunrise
All Clear at 7.
Sky very pale blue, or grey.
No clouds.
Fine day.

Wind at first N.W. - before noon N.E. next E.N.E.
at 2 P.M. E.S.E. - at 4 S.E. - at 5 1/2 N.W. and
till night. Evening clear, but a little
smoke.

7th Ther. 46° at sunrise
84 at 1 P.M.
82 at 3
72 at 6
62 at 9
Some haze, fog & smoke.
Mostly Clear at 9, but
rather smoky. No clouds
but day not pleasant.
Sky grey, not blue.

Wind at first S. - in the p.m. - at 10 E.S.E.
at 2 P.M. W.N.W. and so till night.
No clouds now for five days.
Very dry & dusty. Though no clouds
the atmosphere is not clear & pure.
Towards sunset, rusty red above the
horizon in every direction.
Evening clear.

8th Ther. 60° at sunrise
75 at 1 P.M.
78 at 2 & 3
64 at 6 1/2
55 at 9
Some haze & clouds at first
All cloudy at 7.
Clear at 10.
Mostly Cloudy at 1 & till night

Wind at first N.W. - at 9 E. - at 1 P.M. E.S.E.
at 3 E. - at 4 S.E. - at 5 E. - at 6 E.S.E.
Evening cloudy at first, Clear at 9

9th Ther. 55° at sunrise
76 at 1 P.M.
75 at 3
69 at 6
60 at 9
Some clouds.
Mostly Cloudy at 8 and
till 10.
Mostly Clear at 11 & till night
Sky grey.

Wind at first S.S.E. - at 8 S.E. - at 10 S.S.W.
before 1, S.E. again. from 3 to sunset S & S.S.E.
Evening clear, & breeze from S.S.W.

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Monday 10. Occupied with ancient affairs of Springfield.

10. Ther. 52° at sunrise
84 at 1 P.M.
78 at 4 P.M.
72 at 6 1/2
65 at 9

Partly Clear - some clouds at first
Mostly Clear at 9 & rest of day
Sky not blue

Wind at sunrise S. continued S. and some S.S.W. till 2 or 3 o'clock - after that S.S.W. Towards night S. Evening clear, & Wind S.S.W.

Tuesday 11. On same affairs of S.p.

Emigration. There is much going to the West this season, as visitors and as permanent settlers. It is but a few years since men began to talk of Illinois & Michigan; now they talk familiarly of Wisconsin & Oregon, and some wish to emigrate to Oregon, or Columbia River. The world is in motion - and the motion becomes rapid every year.

Roswell Hubbard paid me his note given at May 2 for \$102.09 and interest \$2.19. This was re-handled. Note given Jan. 28. 1837 - \$450 paid before.

11 Ther. 57° at sunrise
82 at 1 P.M.
82 at 2 " "
70 at 6 " "
68 at 9 " "

Thick fog & clouds at first
Mostly Clear at 9
Some high thin clouds, curly.
Sky more blue.
Clouds more dense after 2 or 3 P.M.

Wind (fog hid vane) when fog went off, Vane W. and soon to N. and N.N.E. - most N.E. and at 1 P.M. wind was E.N.E. at 2, N.E. next N.N.E. - at 6 N. Evening N. & N.N.E. Evening cloudy.

Wednesday 12. On Springfield ancient matters.

S. Storm began on Tuesday night at New York & was a heavy gale on Wednesday night. Much damage to shipping, trees, &c.

12 Began to rain before sunrise from N.N.E. This is the first N.E. storm for some months.

Ther. 55° at sunrise
56 at 1 P.M.
56 at 6 " "
54 at 9 " "

Rainy most of the day and in evening - but not heavy. Cold.
Thermom. nearly the same for 12 hours.

Wind N.N.E. all day by vane. Clouds came from N.E. part of the day.

Thursday 13. Some hours with C.H. Gee on Springfield. At Isaac Clark's in evening.

P.S. In Boston 3 4/8 inches of rain fell on Wednesday & Wednesday night - more than has fallen in one storm or one week since July 1835.

13. It rained all night - some of the time quite powerfully - with high wind. What is called an equinoctial storm. Must be a heavy gale at sea.

Ther. 52° at sunrise
73 at 1 P.M.
72 at 3 " "
62 at 6 " "
53 at 9 1/2 "

Rain & wind continue.
Rain ceases about 9.
At 12, Clear with flying clouds.
Fine deep purple sky and pleasant P.M.

Wind N. & N.N.E. - after 9 turned to N.W. and thence till after 2 P.M. then W.N.W. at 4, N.W. till night. Evening clear & still. Some Aurora Borealis

Friday 14. In meadows most of A.M. about a disputed line, &c. Visited meadows again P.M.

Cannon fired last night at midnight by the democrats because whigs are beaten in Maine. What fools they are in all parties! This firing is shameful.

14 Ther. 44° at sunrise
74 at 1 P.M.
74 at 3 " "
67 at 6 " "
55 at 9 " "

At first some fog, soon clear
Light curly clouds, mares tails & other shapes P.M.
Pleasant day.

Wind (when fog off) S. - continued S. till towards noon then S.S.E. - before 1, S.E. & so till 6, then S. Evening clear.

Saturday 15. Brothers Matthews & wife here P.M. George Smith here P.M.

Had of Owen Kingsley 1/2 B. apples - had before of him 1 peck

15. Ther. 48° at sunrise
76 at 1 P.M.
75 at 3 " "
70 at 6 " "
62 at 9 " "

Fog at first - Clear at 7 1/2
all day clear, & Pleasant.

Sunday 16. President Baldwin of And? in the forenoon, & Mr. foreign Mission Agent, in the afternoon.

Wind (when fog was gone) N.N.E. - continued some N. some N.E. but mostly N.N.E. till 1 P.M. From 1 P.M. till night mostly N. - some N.N.E. Evening clear.

16. Ther. 48° at sunrise
69 at 1 P.M.
67 at 3 " "
57 at 6 " "
47 at 9 " "

Mostly Clear - but sky partly overcast with very thin clouds.
Clouds denser P.M. but did not obscure the sun.

Wind at first N. - at 9, N.N.E. - before noon N.E. at 3 E.N.E. Towards night N.E. Evening clear.

Irene Smith from S. Hadley in the evening.
Large flocks of blackbirds seen today.

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Monday 17. Various matters, new road.

17. Ther. 49° at sunrise
71 at 1 P.M.
70 at 2 " "
65 at 6 " "
63 at 9 " "

Cloudy till after 1 P.M.
At 2. Partly Clear
Before night all Cloudy again

Tuesday 18. Bought 50 lbs. Sugar at 10 cts - bought 50 lbs. Sept. 1. at 9 1/4
Got brought home Sept 1. (see Aug. 15)
Gave 5 cents for flour.
Brother Smith here to dinner & carried home Irene.
Was at Chaucery Clarks in the evening

Wind at first N. Continued N. all day
Evening cloudy.

18. Ther. 52° at sunrise
75 at 1 P.M.
77 at 2 " "
73 at 4 " "
68 at 5 " "
64 at 9 " "

Mostly Clear.
Pleasant Day

Wind at first N.N.E. - before 10. S.E. - before noon
it was S.E. and there till 3 1/2 then S.
at 6. S.S.W. Evening partly clear, partly cloudy

Eclipse. There was an eclipse of the sun today - annular south of us, but not here. that is, not a perfect ring here, but about two thirds of one. Between 12 and 14 digits were eclipsed. The day was fine the sky clear and nothing to obstruct the view. The eclipse had the usual accompaniments of chill & gloom. It began about 3 1/2 P.M. & continued till near 6. No stars could be seen. The thermometer was at 73° at 4 and in the next hour, during the increase of the eclipse, it fell to 68, or 5 degrees in an hour. The next hour, viz from 5 to 6 while the eclipse was decreasing, the mercury fell only 1 degree, Wind S. all the time.

Wednesday.

19 On old matters some. Brother Johnson & Parsons & wives here to dinner.

19. Ther. 58° at sunrise
69 at 1 P.M.
68 at 2 1/2 P.M.
56 at 6 " "
48 at 9 " "

Fair with flying clouds
Not a cloud after 9.
Fine sky - pure air.

Wind at first W. soon W.N.W. - at 8. N.W. continued N.W. and some N.N.W. till near 6 at 6 W.N.W. Evening clear & cold.

Thursday.

20 Wives of Charles Rust & Luther Clark here from Skaneateles, an hour or so.
Temperance Convention out to day - chiefly for purpose of sustaining the new license law. I attended both till 4 P.M.
Had R. Hale, Saml Edwards, J. A. Judd, Sister hyman & Jabor Blyden here to dinner.
At Chaucery Clark's and auction of J.C. Clark's in evening.

20. Ther. 40° at sunrise
76 at 1 P.M.
76 at 5 " "
58 at 6 " "
53 at 9 " "

Clear at sunrise.
Fog at 7 - gone before 8.
Fineday
Thin curly clouds before night.
These clouded, in every direction, after sun.

Wind at first N. or S. (could not tell) after fog was off S. at 11. S.E. - at 11 1/2 S.E. - at 12 1/2 S. again at 1 1/2 P.M. W. - before 5. W.S.W. till night. Evening clear.

Remark. Wind may change from N. to S. and remain S. for hours without becoming warmer; (see yesterday & to-day) than it was at same time of day at N.

21 Friday. Attended School convention till 4 P.M. Mr. Mann made address till in old meeting house.

John A. Judd, Rufus Hale, Theresa Lyman, Jabel Lyman and Rev. J. H. Bisbee here to dinner.
Paid sister Lyman \$2. for 3 lbs of rolls.

21. Ther. 51° at sunrise
64 at 1 P.M.
62 at 2 " "
62 at 6 " "
61 at 9 " "

Cloudy at first
Rain began at 1 1/2 and continued till evening.

Wind at first E.N.E. & continued there till after 1. At 1 1/2 W. and soon round to N.W. continued N.W. till 5. then N.N.W. till night. Evening cloudy but not rainy.

Saturday 22. I find to day that my name is to a note of Rev. E. Hale given to Educational Society Jan. 26. 1819, for \$74.60. & 1/4 as principal and Timothy Phelps and myself as sureties. There was due on it July 26. 1838 \$103.65 at simple interest or 108.99 at compound. I had entirely forgotten the note - thought that E. Hale's estate is able to pay it.

22. Rained some in the night. Wind changed to S. in the night & rained the mercury 7 degrees
Ther. 68° at sunrise
76 at 1 P.M.
74 at 5 " "
71 at 6 " "
70 at 9 " "

Partly Clear, but soon Cloudy all over, till after 3 1/2 Clear at 4 & till night. Evening cloudy.

Wind at sunrise S. soon S.S.E. soon S. again. Low clouds passing swiftly from S. Wind continued S. all day & evening.

Sunday 23. Mr Wiley in forenoon
Mr Mitchell in afternoon.

23. Ther. 70° at sunrise
61 at 10 P.M.
66 at 1 P.M.
60 at 3 " "
53 at 6 " "
50 at 9 " "

Mostly Clear at first
At 8. Cloudy at 8. Cooler. Shower at 10. Thunder in S.E. at 10 1/2 Cloudy till sunset.

Wind at first S. Strong S.W. - at 8. S.S.W. at 9. W.N.W. - at 9 1/2 N.W. - at 10 1/2 N. - before 1. W.N.W. and continued W.N.W. till night. Evening clear.

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Monday 24. Speculation has corn
measured in some articles -
Flour & grain have risen
25 per cent or more in a few days
Harvest in Europe said to be deficient
- and drought has hurt the Indian
corn very much in some of our
States.
Corn in our meadows was never
better. Broom corn also very good.
Potatoes light - not half a crop.
Pumpkins plenty. Rhubarb, Beans
and sugar beets have not done
well. Winter squashes in garden
are prolific - vines have run
every where I never saw winter
squashes so luxuriant.
Meats are high and scarce.
Rec'd a letter from brother Samuel
Hall at Marietta. He graduated
in July & is now a Tutor in the
College there.

Tuesday 25. Preparing for Hartford
Started at 10^h. Corn on the
way to Hartford nearly all ripe
and some gathered. Some were
topping broom corn. Apples
seemed to be plenty and some
peaches, quince, &c.

Wednesday 26. Went to Town Clerk's office
Thursday 27. Was at the Secretary's
Friday 28. Office in State House.
Saturday 29. Office in State House.

Sunday 30. Was at the Free Church,
so called, all day; at Dr. Hawley's
in the evening.

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Monday 1. in State house
Tuesday 2. Bought Carpet. Went
to Wethersfield. P.M.
Wednesday 3. Was in Town Clerk's
Thursday 4. Office, Day and
Friday 5. Evening's. Examined
Saturday 6. the Town some of the
meeting house, burying yard,
meadows, &c.
Wethersfield is an old fashioned town
with old habits. They export this
year 1 1/2 millions of bunches of Prunes
at 3 cents a bunch equal to 45,000.
10,000 bushels of potatoes at 50cts 5,000
\$ 50,000
They have abundance of corn, hay, &c. but
they are not very neat about their
buildings, and too many of them
are dilapidated.
Son J.W. brought me to Hartford Saturday
evening.

September Temperature here
at sunrise 51. 23 }
at 1 P.M. 71 13 } Average
at 9 " " 56 13 } 59 23
30 } or 59.93.

Mean Temp. at Wattham 60.31

24. Ther. 42° at sunrise } Clear - not a cloud at first.
61 at 12 and 1. } After 9 many flying clouds.
57 at 2. } Pleasant Day.
53 at 6.
47 at 9.

Wind at sunrise S.S.W. and cold - another
evidence that Southern winds are sometimes
as cold as any other. At 11 Wind S.W.
but clouds were passing from W.N.W. and
had been at 1 P.M. wind W.S.W. - clouds as before.
At 2 wind W.N.W. & vane & clouds corresponded.
Wind continued W.N.W. till night.
Evening clear.

25. Ther. 42° at sunrise } Foggy. Clear after 8.
74 at 1 P.M. } Some high thin clouds
64 at 6. } evening some here at H.
58 at 9. } some cloudy here

Wind at first N.W. - at 10 S.S.W. at 1 S.S.E. at 6 S.

Hopkins observed the thermometer here and
I in Hartford while I was in that city.
The thermometer was more exposed there
than here. Here it was under the portico
at the front door morning & night (9 o'clock)
& that covering above it made for the
most part one or two degrees difference.
- that is, it would have fallen sometimes one
sometimes two degrees lower had it been
entirely exposed - sometimes there would
have been no difference.

26. N. Hampton Hartford Wind here at H.
At sunrise 52 - not observed }
at 1 P.M. 60 - 61 } S.S.E. } Mostly N.E.
at 6 P.M. 54 - 52 } E.N.E.
at 9 P.M. 52 - 50

Rainy day at Hartford & N. Hampton
27 at sunrise 52 - 52 }
at 1 65 - 65 } N. } N. N. E. &
at 6 60 - 61 } } N.
at 9 59 - 59 } Cloudy all day at
Hartford & no rain. Cloudy here & some rain in the
morning.

28. At sunrise 58 - 60 - foggy } S.S.E. &
at 1 71 - 74 } S.S.W. } S.W.
at 6 66 - 62
at 9 64 - 62
Cloudy all day at H. & mostly at N.H. some
sun here at N.H.

29 at sunrise 63 - 62 } S. } Southwesterly first
at 1 72 - 72 } S.E. } part of day.
at 6 64 - 65 } E. } Westerly till
at 9 61 - 59 } part.
At H. Rainy all. Cloudy P.M. Evening Clear.
At N.H. Cloudy then wind - evening Clear

30. at sunrise 51 - 51 } E.N.E. }
at 1 69 - 73 } N.N.E. } Northerly
at 6 60 - 60 } N.W.
at 9 56 - 50

At H. Clear of fine sky. At N.H. Clear of fine breeze
1 at sunrise 56 - 42 - S.S.W. fog some } Wind at H.
at 1 74 - 76 } N.E. } W. &
at 6 74 - 60 } S.S.E. } S.
at 9 60 - 54
Clear day at both places

2 at sunrise 50 - 47 - SE fog } N.W. &
at 1 74 - 74 } S.S.E. } S.W.
at 6 62
at 9 62
Clear at Hartford & Wethersfield.
At N.H. Clear all. mixed Fall.

3 at sunrise 60 - W.N.W. } Cloudy, mixed & clear at N.H.
at 1 76 - W. } At W. cloudy & shower at M.
at 6 53 - N.W. } Cloud off cool P.M.
at 9 59

4 at sunrise 38 - N.E. fog. } Clear & cool at N.H. & W.
at 1 61 - S.E. } Very little frost in some
at 6 51 - S.S.W. } low places - some in
at 9 52 } Village at N.H. this morning

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Sunday 7. At Dr. Hewes
Meeting, A. M. and
North Church (Bucknells)
in afternoon.

Monday 8 } Spent this week
Tuesday 9 } in Secretary's
Wednesday 10 } Office.
Thursday 11
Friday 12
Saturday 13

Sunday 14 At S. Baptist Church
At S. Congregational P.M.
At S. Baptist. Evng.
Mr Turnbull delivered a
Temperance Address
Sunday Evening in S.
Baptist Meeting House

Monday 15
Tuesday 16 } In Secretary's
Wednesday 17 } Office and Town
Thursday 18 } Clerk's Office
Friday 19
Saturday 20

Sunday 21. At Free Church
in the forenoon and at
North Baptist P.M.

Snow fell 8 inches deep in
Western part of Missouri
Oct. 17 & 18. besides much
that melted.

5th. Ther at N. Hampton - Wind } Clear at N.H.
At sunrise 47 - S } Clear at W.
at 1 - 72 - W
at 6 - 59 - S.S.W.
at 9 - 54

6. at sunrise 47 - S - fog in morn. } Clear at W. with
at 1 - 75 - S.S.W. } strong S wind
at 6 - 65 - S } Clear, mixed and
at 9 - 64 - 62° at H. } Cloudy at N.H.

Shower in the night at Hartford

7 at sunrise 52 - N.W. Cloudy - Hartford. do
at 1 - 60 - E. Clear 47 } Clear
at 6 - 45 - N. do 55 } Wind N.H.
at 9 - 40 - do 44 }
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8 at sunrise 30 - N - Clear 27 } Clear
at 1 - 53 - E do 50 } Wind N &
at 6 - 44 - E. do 40 } N.E.
at 9 - 38 - 33

Heavy frost (white) at N.H. & Hartford this morning.

9. at sunrise 29 - S - fog then Clear - 29 } Wind at soon S.E.
at 1 - 38 - S - mixed - 61 } high thin clouds
at 6 - 53 - S.S.E. cloudy - 50 } great danger
at 9 - 52 - do - 48 } Evening clearing

Frost at N.H. and H. in morning - severe.

10 at sunrise 42 - N.E. - fog then mixed - 38 } Wind N.E.
at 1 - 60 - E - mixed - 64 } Cloudy Sun shin
at 6 - 50 - S - Cloudy - 49 } all Cloudy P.M.
at 9 - 46 - rainy - 44 } Heavy Rain in night

11 at sunrise 46 - N.W. - Some rain - 45 } Clear at 9 A.M.
at 1 - 58 - S.W. - mixed - 54 } Cloudy before Noon
at 6 - 47 - W. - do - 48 } Clear before night
at 9 - 50 - Cloudy - 44

12 at sunrise 41 - S.E. - mixed - 34 } Clear at first
at 1 - 54 - S.W. - Rainy - 56 } Cloudy before M.
at 6 - 48 - S.W. - do - 48 } Some Rain P.M.
at 9 - 46 - Cloudy - 46 } Wind S.

13 at sunrise 39 - N.W. - mixed - 36 } Fair
at 1 - 53 - W. - Clear - 48 } Wind N.W.
at 6 - 39 - W. - do - 32

14. at sunrise 38 - S.E. - cloudy - 40 } Wind S.W. & S
at 1 - 59 - do - do - 64 } Cloudy but
at 6 - 49 - N.E. - do - 55 } some sun
at 9 - 48 - Rainy - 52

15 at sunrise 48 - N.E. - Rainy - 50 } Rainy
at 1 - 50 - N. - " - 52 } Clear & fair
at 6 - 50 - N.E. - " - 51 } Evening
at 9 - 46 - Cloudy - 48

16 at sunrise 39 - W - Clear - 32 } Clear
at 1 - 54 - " - mixed - 55 }
at 6 - 47 - " - cloudy - 46 }
at 9 - 43 - " - Clear - 44

17 at sunrise 40 - W - mixed - 38 } Clear
at 1 - 56 - N.W. - " - 53 }
at 6 - 43 - do - " - 41 }
at 9 - 40 - do - Clear - 36 + 10

18 at sunrise 33 - N - frost. mix - 30 } Clear at first
at 1 - 56 - W - " - 56 } Cloudy before M.
at 6 - 44 - N.W. - cloudy - 38 } Some sun.
at 9 - 42 - do - 38

19 at sunrise 40 - N.E. - cloudy - 53 at 7 } Cloudy at first
at 1 - 46 - S.S.E. - Rainy - 43 } then Rainy
at 6 - 44 - N.E. - do - 47 }
at 9 - 44 - do - 46

20 at sunrise 40 - N - Clear - 36 } mostly Clear.
at 1 - 54 - N.W. - mixed - 54 }
at 6 - 46 - N.W. - do - 46 }
at 9 - 47 - cloudy - 42

21 at sunrise 36 - S - frost. mixed - 40 at 8 } Thin clouds
at 1 - 52 - W - cloudy - 48 } Thicker do.
at 6 - 44 - S.W. - do - 43 }
at 9 - 44 - do - 40

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Monday 22 } In Town (Clark's office.
 Tuesday 23 }
 Wednesday 24 }
 Thursday 25. Son J. W. carried me to Windsor Hill. I got books of the Town Clerk and carried them to Alwood's Tavern, & extracted & took minutes from them till after midnight.
 Friday 26 } was
 Saturday 27 } employed in the same manner in Alwood's Chamber before a fire. In the evening of Saturday rode to Hartford in the stage.
 Had no time to examine Windsor much. Did not form a favorable opinion of the place.

Sunday 28 } At Town
 Monday 29 } Clark's.
 Tuesday 30 was at various places in the city.

Wednesday 31. Came home today, and caught Elizabeth with me through Piquemack, Turkey Hills, West Suffield, &c. after an absence of 5 weeks and 1 day.

Expenses &c.
 Stage fare both ways 5.00
 Cash for carpet 15.25
 " for Apphia's 4.62
 " clock 28
 Freight of carpet 3.75
 Gown for Apphia 20
 Postage 20
 Small matters 15
 At Wetherfield 2.25
 At Windsor Stage 2.00
 33.50

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| 22 | at sunrise | 42 | at N.H. | W. | mixed | 28 | Frost |
| | at 1 | 57 | | do | do | 50 | mostly clear |
| | at 6 | 42 | | do | cloudy | 42 | |
| | at 9 | 39 | | | clear | 36 | |
| 23. | at sunrise | 30 | | N. | post-fog-clear | 25 | fog in morning |
| | at 1 | 52 | | S.S.E. | mixed | 54 | thin clouds |
| | at 6 | 46 | | do | cloudy | 41 | evening cloudy |
| | at 9 | 42 | | | do | 40 | |
| 24 | at sunrise | 40 | | N. | cloudy | 38 | |
| | at 1 | 42 | | do | Rainy | 41 | Rainy |
| | at 6 | 40 | | do | do | 38 | |
| | at 9 | 40 | | | do | 36 | |
| 25 | at sunrise | 39 | | N. | cloudy | | At Windsor |
| | at 1 | 52 | | S.S.W. | Thunder | | some sunshine |
| | at 6 | 40 | | do. | Shower | | some wind squalls |
| | at 9 | 39 | | | | | mostly cloudy |
| | | | | | | | Gold night |
| 26 | at sunrise | 34 | | S.W. | post-clear | | At Windsor |
| | at 1 | 54 | | W.S.W. | mixed | | Pleasant day. |
| | at 6 | 42 | | do | Rainy | | |
| | at 9 | 37 | | | clear | | |
| 27 | at sunrise | 32 | | E. | cloudy | | Much Rain at Windsor. |
| | at 1 | 40 | | E.N.E. | Rainy | | |
| | at 6 | 42 | | W. | mixed | | |
| | at 9 | 40 | | | do. | | |
| 28 | at sunrise | 32 | | S.S.W. | post-mixed | 32 | Hartford |
| | at 1 | 40 | | S.S.E. | Rainy | 34 at 4 1/2 | first cloudy then Rainy |
| | at 6 | 38 | | do | do | 33 | |
| | at 9 | 37 | | | do | 31 | |
| 29 | at sunrise | 37 | | W. | mixed | 29 | |
| | at 1 | 42 | | do | do | 42 | Clear |
| | at 6 | 34 | | do | clear | 30 | Wind NW. |
| | at 9 | 30 | | | do | 22 at 10 | |
| 30 | at sunrise | 24 | | S.S.W. | mixed | 24 | |
| | at 1 | 48 | | S.W. | do | 45 | mostly clear |
| | at 6 | 32 | | | do | 35 | |
| | at 9 | 34 | | | do | 31 | |
| 31. | at sunrise | 34 | | E | cloudy | | A little snow in the morning at Hartford and Northampton. More on the hills. |
| | at 1 | 42 | | N.W. | mixed | | |
| | at 6 | 31 | | W. | clear | | |
| | at 9 | 26 | | | mixed | | |

This was a cold day, & evening, & night.

Much rain fell in October.

The first frost to do damage was Oct 8.
 The first snow at N.H. & H. was Oct 31. & that was hardly enough to cover the ground. There was a little in some places Oct. 28th.

Snow a foot deep in N. York & Pennsylvania, near Lake Erie, Oct. 30.

Furious storm in England, Oct. 28, 29, & 30.

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| At Temp. of October at Dartmouth College | 42.1 | in 1838 |
| " " " | 41.7 | in 1837 |
| " " " | 38.7 | in 1836 |
| " " " | 48.9 | in 1835 |
| Mean Temp. Oct. 1838 | | |
| on. at sunrise | 36.4 | |
| at 1 1/2 P.M. | 50.28 | |
| at 9 1/2 " " | 39.88 | |
| At D. Coll. | | |
| Average cloudiness | 245. | |
| Snow 2 inches fell in Oct. | | |
| Winds observations a day at D. Coll. | | |
| N.W. | 406. | |
| N.E. | 28. | cloudy days 12 |
| W. | 12. | fair " 12 |
| S.W. | 35. | fair " 7 |
| S.E. | 8. | 31. |
| E. | 1. | |
| S. | 4. | |
| | 93 | |

Temp. of October here.

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| at sunrise | 40 1/2 | |
| at 1 P.M. | 55 1/2 | |
| at 9 " " | 44 1/2 | |
| average | 46 56/93 | |
| Mean Temp. at Waltham | 45.18 | |

P.S. I found out afterwards that my son's thermometer in Hartford was good for nothing - of course the Hartford record of temperature is erroneous. It generally made the weather colder than it was.

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Thursday 1. I was sent for to go out to brother Parsons, he and his son Henry being quite sick, & nobody but his wife to do any thing. I remained there 9 days, and came home on Saturday, Nov. 10. I was employed taking care of the sick, attending to the gathering of his crops, &c.

I watched all night on the nights of Nov 1. 3. & 5,

do after 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. on the night after Nov 6
do " 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " " " " " Nov 7

do till 2½ " " ————— Do " Nov 7
do till 2 " " ————— Do " Nov 8

do int 2 " " " " " "
do titl 1/2 " " " " " " Noug

Left the sick slowly recovering.

Curing my absence son Walker sent for Hophni as a clerk in his Book manufactory, and he left this place in the stage on Monday, Nov 5. To my family consists of myself, wife & two daughters (Nov. 10) and Daughter Eliza beth for the present. Hophni attended to the Thermometer till he left for Hartford. Apphia then paid some attention to it but was not very particular.

Thursday 1. At sun. 19 - W - clear
 at 1 - 34 - N - mixed
 at 7 - 33 - S.E. cloudy
 at 9 - 32 - - - snowing

This was a cold day - no thawing in the shade, but little any where. A little snow or hail in the night after. Potatoes not dug were much injured and apples on under trees were ruined.

Friday 2. Asumin 32. S.S.W - mixed. light snow on ground - soon gone.
 at 1 - 32 - W - do
 at 6 - 38 - do. clear
 at 9 - 36 - do.

Saturday 3 At sunrise 26 — SW — clear
 at 1 — 54 — S.S.E. — mixed
 at 6 — 46 — S.E. — cloudy
 at 9 — 47 — — mixed

Sunday 4. at sunrise 50 — S. — Rainy
at 1 — 54 — S.S.E. — do.
at 6 — 55 — S.E. — do.
at 9 — 54 — " — cloudy

Monday 5. at sunrise 54. . . . cloudy } A Rainy day in part. [N. most of day Mr Forbes
at 9 P.M. 52. } 56° at 2. by Mr Forbes (not N. N. E.)

Tuesday 6 at Sunin 45
at 9 PM 34
{Clouds & sky} High wind all day [W. & N.W. Mr. Forbes
about 48° at 1.

Wednesday 7 d sunrise 32 { mostly cloudy [S.W. & S. in the morning
at 1 — 44 some sky.
at 9 — 42

Thursday 8. ^{at sunrise} 46 } S. Rainy & warmish. [S.E. - S.W. & S. Mr Forbes
at 1 65 }
at 9 50 } P.S. Snow fell a foot deep in Michigan Nov. 8.

Friday 9.

| | |
|------------|----|
| at sunrise | 40 |
| at 1 | 44 |
| at 9 | 28 |

 } mostly clear & cold. [Wind N.W. by Mr Forbes' Record.
but W. in morning.

Saturday 10 at sunrise 22
at 1 33 N.W.W.
at 6 25 do.
at 9 25 } A cold day. No thawing in the shade
and but little in the sun. Clear
Evening clear. — Ther. 35° at 3. P.M.

The Rain of Thursday Nov. 8. was very powerful - the most so of any for a year or two. The Connecticut was greatly swelled, and the lower parts of the meadows are still (Nov. 10) overflowed. The brooks, springs & wells are all high, & the earth is saturated with water.

Settled some money matters with Isaac Clark. Took up note of \$200 given July 9. Still owe him Note of 50 dollars given Aug. 6.

I paid brother Parsons \$7.44 for leather, mutton & flannel. Butter at 20 cents.
I am now at home again after an absence of 6 weeks & 4 days.

Paid Geo. Shepard \$5 for half his share for last year.

Rec^d of Bank 21 dollars for dividend on 7 shares for 6 mo. to Oct 1.

Barometer - was higher in N. York on Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 10 & 11, than it has been for years. Saturday up to 30.95, & Sunday up to 31.02.

Here it went up to 30.74 on Sunday - higher than at any time since a record has been kept in this place. - At Dart. College up to 30.45 on 11th. At Boston up to 31.01 Nov 11. (See Jan 1. and Jan 5. 1899)

Sunday 11. Staid at home A.M.
 Meeting P.M. An agent
 of Am. Education Society
 preached.

In Evening, Mr. Gurley, Colon-
 ization agent, Addressed a few
 in old Meeting house. The whigs
 had a caucus in the Town Hall.

Monday 12. Town meeting P.M.
 Whigs succeeded. Anti-Tem-
 perance tried hard for representa-
 tion, without success. Too many
 of the democrats went for the
 Rum party.

I voted only for men where Tem-
 perance was concerned - did
 not vote for Governor.

Tuesday 13. Paid several bills.
 Paid Mrs. Graves for 78 qts of
 milk at 4cts. \$3.12
 had from July 21 to Nov. 13.

Wednesday 14. Elizabeth & Apphia
 went out to Col. Dwight's.

Thursday 15. About shoes, flour, &
 other matters.

In the evening, attended a
 lecture of Mr. Poyen, a Frenchman
 on Animal Magnetism. The
 Town Hall was full, though the
 evening was dark and rainy.
 More unbelievers than believers
 in the audience. I hardly
 know what to believe, but
 have some faith that there
 is something in Animal Magnetism.
 I want more light.

Friday 16. Employed on my
 Connecticut Researches
 and domestic matters.

Saturday 17. Attended to purchasing
 and other affairs.

Had of John Clarke, 66 lb flour 10.
 " of do. 66 lb of Buckwheat flour 7
 gave him a vote. \$17

Flour, meat, butter, &c. are as
 high as ever - Eliza and Apphia returned.

Sunday 18. Mr. Wiley in forenoon.
 A stranger in afternoon.

Mr. Isaac Clark here in evening.
 Hadly Bel & very clearly heard at 6.
 Heard the Fall C.

Monday 19. Both sleighs & waggon
 repairing to day. Thawed
 some, & some spots in the road
 became bare, but almost every
 thing has the aspect of winter.

P.S. Ther. 14° at Cincinnati at sunrise,

Tuesday 20. Good sleighing - much
 stirring - not much thawing

Evening, went to lecture and
 exhibition of pictures, about
 Jerusalem.

P.S. A foot of snow fell at Buffalo 19 & 20.

Ther. 16° at sunrise
 11- 35° at 1 P.M.
 31 at 5 " "
 30 at 9 " "

Wind at first N.N.W. next N. - at 10 N.N.E.
 at 3, S.S.W. till night. Evening hazy.
 A raw day. Not much thawing.

12. Ther. 28° at sunrise
 44 at 1 P.M.
 40 at 5 " "
 31 at 9 " "

Clear at first. 1/2 cloudy at 9.
 Afternoon clear & pleasant
 Evening clear.

Wind at first S. soon S.S.W. remained there till night.
 at 5 P.M. S.

13. Ther. 40° at sunrise
 50 at 1 P.M.
 52 at 5 " "
 52 at 9 " "

Cloudy all day, but
 no rain.
 Began to rain about 6 in evening
 but it was only a sprinkling.
 Clear at 10.

Wind at first S.S.W. - at 9 S. and continued S.
 till night.

14. Ther. 47° at sunrise
 59 at 1 P.M.
 47 at 5 P.M.
 37 at 9 " "

Clear - hardly a cloud
 Very fine, pleasant day.
 Evening bright. Aurora Borealis

Wind at first S.S.W. - at 8 S.S.E. - at 9 W.
 from 9 to 12 S.W. & W. - at 12 W.N.W.
 Continued W.N.W. till night.

15. Ther. 37° at sunrise
 30 at 1 P.M.
 39 at 5 " "
 39 at 9 " "

Rainy, modality, all day,
 and in evening.

Wind N.N.E. and almost N. till 1. At 1 N. and
 continued N. till night. It seems there
 may be a rainy day with the wind N.
 Mr. Farby may be correct, Nov. 5.

16. Ther. 40° at sunrise
 50 at 1 P.M.
 41 at 5 " "
 38 at 9 " "

Morning Cloudy & foggy.
 Fog continued till near noon.
 Cloudy all day.
 Cleared off partly at 5 P.M.

Wind at 10, S.S.W. at 11 S. at 12 W.S.W.
 soon W. - at 1 W.N.W. at 4 N.W. till
 night: - Evening bright after 6. Wind N.W.

17. Ther. 31° at sunrise
 42 at 1 P.M.
 31 at 5 " "
 25 at 9 " "

Clear at first.
 Half cloudy at 1.
 Clear again before night.
 Evening clear

Wind at first W.N.W. - at 10 N.W. - at 1 W.N.W.
 Continued W.N.W. & some N.W. till night.
 A fair day, & not very unpleasant.

18. Ther. 24° at sunrise
 34 at 1 P.M.
 30 at 5 " "
 29 at 9 " "

Cloudy.
 Began to snow at 3 P.M.
 & continued till night & in
 evening.

Wind at first N.N.W. - at 1 P.M. N.
 at 3 N.E. & continued till night.
 Snow was 2 or 3 inches deep at 9 P.M.

19. Clear - Snow 4 1/2 inches deep at 5 P.M.
 Ther. 30° at sunrise
 43° at 1 P.M.
 24 at 5 " "
 14 at 9 " "

Pleasant day, and
 evening - Cold.

Wind at first W.N.W. - At 1 N.W. till night

20. Ther. 9° at sunrise
 36 at 1 P.M.
 29 at 5 " "
 29 at 9 " "

A Winter morning.
 Clear at first -
 Mostly cloudy at noon, and
 during afternoon. Evening clear

Wind at first S.S.W. next S. next S.S.E. next S.E.
 at 2, S.S.W. again - at 4 S.W. till night.

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- Wednesday 21. Sleighing continues, but some go in waggon. Thawed considerably.
In evening, attended another Lecture &c. on Animal Magnetism with Elizabeth & Alpha. Paid 50 cts.
- Thursday 22. A thaw day, though wind was W.N.W. Sleighing nearly ruined.
Sold a few in Westhampton Meeting house to Sherman (Cork) for 15 cords of hard wood, payable $\frac{1}{3}$ in 1 year, $\frac{1}{3}$ in 2 years, and $\frac{1}{3}$ in 3 years. Thus have sold for about 40 dollars, what cost my father about 100 dols. Wrote to R. Parkinson. [See Dec. 17, 45]. Company in evening.
- Friday 23. Providing things for Thanksgiving &c. Elizabeth & Alpha to a party at Capt. Dwight's.
Silvester arrived from Cambridge in the evening.
- Saturday 24. Sawing wood, &c.
Several canal boats came up this morning, but they had to break ice many miles. The business on the canal is now at an end for this year.
- Sunday 25. Mr. Wiley all day.
I walked twice here in evening. One or two boats came up to within 2 miles to day on canal.
- Monday 26. Sawing wood, &c.
In evening Silvester, Elizabeth & Alpha went to Lecture on Animal Magnetism.
- Tuesday 27. About Thanksgiving, &c.
Held 17th of fowls of E. Hunt. of Cum. 11 Turkey of do. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. of fowls of O. Kingsley. Paid for a Turkey 87 cts. Turkey have sold at 14 to 15 cts. per lb. ^{Spickering} mostly at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cts.
- Wednesday 28. Piling & sawing wood, &c.
Brother Matthews here.
- Albany. Ther. Sunday morn. 25. 3° below 0.
do. " Monday " 26. 3° above 0.
Salem. Ther. Sunday " 25. 2° above 0.
Boston. Saturday night 24th. Thermom. was at 9° at 10 o'clock; and during night to 6°. At sunrise morning of the 25th it was at 7°, and at 1 P.M. at 16°. 9° colder than any day in November for 20 years, with one exception of Nov. 30, when therm. fell to 11°. That is, this day was 9 deg. colder than any day in Nov. for 20 years, except one. ^{Reynolds & Churn}
- Eric Canal closed Saturday night, Nov. 24.
Hudson River at Albany closed Sunday night, 25.
Connecticut River at N.H. do. do.
21. Ther. 30° at sunrise } Clear. A.M.
40 at 1 P.M. } Mostly Cloudy P.M.
32 at 5 " } Clear in Evening
30 at 9 " }
Wind at first W.N.W. next W. In afternoon first W.S.W. - next S.W. - towards night N.S.W.
22. Ther. 35° at sunrise } Cloudy at first
43 at 1 P.M. } Partly Clear before 11.
37 at 5 " } Afternoon semi-clear.
30 at 9 " } Evening clear
Wind at first S.S.W. next W. and before 11 was W.N.W. & continued till night.
23. Ther. 34° at sunrise } Cloudy at first
46 at 1 P.M. } Clear before noon.
30 at 5 " } Thawing. Evening clear
28 at 9 " }
Wind at first S. next S.S.W. - at 9 W. - soon W.N.W. at 12 from W.N.W. round to E. next N.E. - then N.W. at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ back to W.N.W. again - there till night.
24. Ther. 28° at sunrise } Mostly Clear A.M.
29 at 1 P.M. } Semi-clear P.M.
22 at 3 " } Evening very clear.
15 at 5 " } Wintery day.
9 at 9 " }
Wind at first W.N.W. next N.W. till noon afternoon some N.W. some N. but mostly N.W. Coldest day since last February. Thermometer below 30 all day, and no thawing - or very little, even in the sun. Evening very cold. Though the snow is mostly gone in the paths, the fields and hills are still covered, "the bright twinkling stars proclaim a cold night" and there is both the appearance and feeling of winter.
25. Ther. 4° at sunrise } Clear and very cold.
20 at 1 P.M. } all day, & evening.
18 at 3 " }
12 at 5 " }
9 at 9 " }
Wind at first N.W. soon W.N.W. again N.W. mostly N.W. till night.
Another severely cold day - an extraordinary day for November. The sun shone bright but made no perceptible impression on the snow or earth.
26. Ther. 6° at sunrise } Clear & very cold
25° at 1 P.M. } all day, & evening.
16 at 5 " } Bright sun but no
9 at 9 " } thawing.
The Connecticut froze over at Hockanum to the place last night (25-26).
Wind at first N.W. - before noon N.W. and remained N.W. till night.
A 3d severely cold day.
27. After 3 days and 3 nights of severe weather there is a change, though still very cold.
Ther. 16° at sunrise } Cloudy all day.
29° at 1 P.M. } Evening mostly cloudy
31° at 5 " }
26 at 9 " }
Wind at first S.E. at 9 S. Continued S. till towards night, then S.S.W. and S.W. A cold day & no thawing to day.
28. Ther. 25° at sunrise } mostly clear but many
37 at 1 P.M. } clouds A.M.
27 at 5 " } more clouds P.M.
22 at 9 " } Evening clear.
Wind at first S.W. next W. next W.N.W. Continued W.N.W. till noon - and till night Thawed a little to-day. Cold day.

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Thursday 29. Thanksgiving Day.

Owing to a press of business in fixing a steam engine, &c. none of the children came up from Hartford. We had at dinner Myra, wife, Sylvester, Apphia, Minnie & Elizabeth.

Mr Wiley preached, & there was a decent attendance. He did not meddle with politics.

29. Ther. 12° at sunrise
33 at 1 P.M.
29 at 5 " "
24 at 9 " "

Clear mostly all day but some clouds.
Fine Evening.

Wind at first N. next N.E. & W. — at 12½ W. & N.W. & till night

But little thawing to day. Cold but not unpleasant. Pretty good travelling on the hard ground.

A more brilliant sun setting than any before this fall, but not to be compared with those of the fall of 1837.

Friday 30. Wrote for Chester H. Gae. of Thompson, Ohio, a deed of a portion of his father's real estate in Westhampton. Wrote a letter also and enclosed the deed in the letter. Deed is to Asahel Gouche.

30. Ther. 30° at sunrise
43 at 1 P.M.
30 at 5 " "
23 at 9 " "

Fine sun rising — Clear. A noon overcast with thin light colored clouds. Mostly clear before night.

Wind at first W. and continued W. all day. Fine evening. Thawed some to day. Day was rather pleasant. much skating on the canal

Remarks on November. There has been no Indian Summer nor any thing like it — now warm, smoky days. Except once or twice, there have been no glorious sunbells & sun-risings — nothing to be compared with last year. November has been what it is called in England, "a gloomy month", and October was ~~also~~ cloudy, rainy, and unpleasant. Much of November has been cold, especially the last week. The snow which fell on the 18th is gone in the roads, & they are hard and smooth. Most of the lots, & neighboring hills, are covered with that snow (of Nov. 18) and most of the roofs have snow upon them. There has not been thawing enough to melt the snow from roofs — even some south roofs have snow on them. Four days, viz Nov. 24, 25, 26, & 27 were severe winter days; such as are seldom experienced in November, & others both before & after, were very cold days for the month. Temp. Sunrise 29° 30' — at 1 P.M. 42° 30' — at 9. 31° 40' Average 34° 40'

November at Waltham by C. F. Mean Temp. of the month 33° — last week 20° The Temp. of Nov. was lower than in any Nov. since 1827 when it was 32° 94. The Temp. of Nov. was lower than in any Nov. for 30 years, excepting 1827. November was cheerless, unpleasant, changeable — much rain in early part. The last week in Nov. was colder than any last week ever known here. Quailham and ice in ponds was 5 inches thick. Now, Dec 1, roads hard & good travelling. Snow on night of 18th fell 6 inches thick. A mild, open winter has almost invariably followed a cold November, and vice versa. There have been exceptions however. Boston Centinel.

The Temperature of Autumn (Sept. Oct. & Nov.) was 46.16 — about as usual, at W.

The Temperature of November 1837: was 37.54 at Waltham.

New York City. Ther. fell to 14° Nov. 25 and 26. Had not been below 20° in the city in November for 50 years, except once in Nov 1797, when it fell to 17°.

December 1838

Saturday 1. Spent most of day at Chauncy Clark's auction. Bought only 55 cents worth. Anson Chapman paid me \$50 and I gave him my note. Son J. Walker arrived from Hartford in the evening.

Sunday 2. Mr Wiley. A.M. Mr Mitchell P.M.

1st. Ther. 16° at sunrise
38° at 1 P.M.
37 at 5 " "
34 at 9 " "

mostly clear — some thin white clouds. Mostly cloudy before noon, and in afternoon & evening.

Wind at first S. at 10 S.S.E. next S.S.W. In afternoon S. and S.S.E.

2d. Ther. 31° at sunrise
48 at 1 P.M.
38 at 5 " "
28 at 9 " "

Cloudy at first. half cloudy at noon. More cloudy towards night. Evening clear

Wind at first S. next S.S.W. — at 12 S.W. at 1 P.M. W. & N.W. — toward night W. and N.S.W. A mild day & fine evening. Evening W. & N.W.

November at Dartmouth College.

Mean Temp. at sunrise 24° Mean Temp. of the month 29.3
at 1 P.M. 35.98
at 9 P.M. 27.38

Temp. of Nov. 1837. 32.21
" " 1836. 30.96
" " 1835. 31.08
Wind, 3 observations a day — 37 N.W. 23 S.W. 10 E. 9 S.E. } 70 observations
Snow 5½ inches. Cloudiness 46 } 5 N.E. 4 W. 2 S. 0 E.

Month of Nov. cold sweet at Dart College.

Fair days 7. cloudy 8. Variable 15

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- Monday 3. J. W. and Sylvester. 3d Ther. 24° at sunrise } Handsome Aurora. Clear.
 went to Greenfield, after a }
 contest with J. W.'s horse, }
 (Returned in evening. }
 Brother Matthews here today }
 - thinks of removing his family }
 to this place. }
 Wind at first N.W. continued all day N.W. and }
 some W.N.W. }
- Tuesday 4. Various matters }
 E. Hunt of Lexington }
 brought a hog, weighed 265 lbs. }
 4. Ther. 12° at sunrise } mostly Cloudy A.M.
 29 at 1 P.M. } All Cloudy P.M.
 26 at 5 " } Cold day. No thawing.
 26 at 9 " }
 Wind N. till towards noon }
 then N.E. till night. }
- Wednesday 5. Walker & Elizabeth }
 left this morning for Hartford. }
 Elizabeth has been here 5 weeks }
 gave J. W. the note vs. B. B. Barber (July 7) }
 Paid 3 dollars, which Hopper }
 had of Elor. when he went to Hartford }
 Was at Isaac Clark's in evening }
 with other company. }
 Animal Magnetism makes }
 much talk. Dr. Poyen has }
 not satisfied the public, but }
 several intelligent individ- }
 uals are believers. }
 5. Ther. 27° at sunrise } Cloudy, smoky. Dark
 34° at 1 P.M. } and cold. Still.
 36 at 5 " } Cloudy P.M. and evening.
 40 at 9 " } Ground wet with mist.
 Wind at first N.E. continued N.E. till towards }
 night, then turned to S.W. Evening S.W. }
 When wind turned from N.E. to S.W. the }
 mercury rose. There were signs of }
 snow yesterday, and signs of rain }
 to-day, but neither snow nor rain }
 has fallen. }
- Thursday 6. About pork, &c. & }
 at auction of C. Clark }
 In evening at H. K. Haskins }
 weather's to bid farewell to }
 Chauncy & Clark & wife }
 They start for Boston tomorrow }
 morning. He has }
 been there for 2 months past. }
 Received \$50 of Dr. Wm. Hooker, on }
 his note }
 6. Ther. 32° at sunrise } Clear all day.
 32 at 1 P.M. } Cold & pleasant.
 25 at 5 " } Evening bright.
 14 at 9 " }
 Wind at first N.W. - continued N.W. and }
 some W.N.W. till night. }
 Fine sunset. }
- Friday 7. About hard &c. and }
 at auction. }
 7. Ther. 16° at sunrise } mostly cloudy A.M.
 32 at 1 P.M. } Half Clear P.M.
 32 at 5 " } evening clear.
 29 at 9 " }
 Wind S. most of forenoon. }
 do. S.S.W. all of afternoon. }
 South wind did not make warm weather. }
 A change of wind from N. to S. does not }
 always moderate the weather. }
- Saturday 8. Rec. of Elazar Judd }
 \$50 on his note. }
 8. Ther. 32° at sunrise } Cloudy most of day.
 37 at 1 P.M. } Some sunshine P.M.
 32 at 5 " } Snow squalls.
 26 " 9 " } Evening Clear.
 Wind S. in forenoon. S.W. in afternoon }
 till 3. W. from 3 till night. }
 The ground is now mostly bare, though }
 some of the snow of Nov. 18. still remains. }
 Waggoning good - roads smooth. }
- Sunday 9. M. Wiley all day. }
 9. Ther. 16° at sunrise } Clear almost all day.
 24 at 1 P.M. } Very cold.
 14 at 5 " } Evening cloudy
 15 at 9 " }
 Wind W.N.W. all day }
 Sun shone bright, but no thawing. }
 Day much like Nov. 25 and 26. }
- Monday 10. Various matters. }
 Brother Matthews & family came }
 to mansion house to live. }
 10. Ther. 11° at sunrise } Clear - some clouds in afternoon.
 25 at 1 P.M. } overcast with thin clouds }
 20 at 5 " } before noon.
 19 at 9 " } Clouds grow denser P.M.
 Evening Cloudy. }
 Wind at first S.W. continued S.W. and }
 some W.S.W. till night. South wind }
 did not moderate the weather much. }
 A cold day - no thawing. }
- Tuesday 11. Various matters. }
 Kingsley sent 4th load of wood. 1st load }
 very small. 4 loads 2 1/2 cords perhaps. }
 78. 5th load Dec. 5. 6th load Dec 20. }
 7th do small Jan 1. 1839. do 8th Jan 2. }
 9th do Jan 3. 10th Jan 4. 11th Jan 5. }
 12th do Jan 7. 13th Jan 8. 14th Jan 9. }
 Though the Connecticut was closed }
 in some places night of Nov. 25 }
 there are still many openings }
 and but little crossing on the }
 ice. }
- I learned today that my aunt }
 Charity Burt died Nov. 22, aged 82 }
 11. Ther. 8° at sunrise } Clear at first. Cloudy before 12
 34 at 1 P.M. } Cloudy P.M. & evening
 30 at 5 " }
 32 at 9 " }
 Wind S.S.W. all forenoon. - At 1. S. - at 3. S.E. }

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Wednesday 12. Various matters.
Read in Gieseler's Church
History.
Evening at Isaac Clark's.
Rev. #35. of Ebenezer Judd for W.
Sold old stove to Bro Johnson.
He paid me \$8 for it. He has
had it for a year past.

12th. Ther. 30° at sunrise } Morning, Clear, moderate
37 at 1. P.M. } and pleasant, till 11½.
20 at 5 " } A wind squall, half an hour or more
13 at 9 " } Clear again at 1. Now cold.
Wind at first S.S.E. — at 11½ S.W. & a cloud
arose from S.W. and W. & it blew furiously
for some time. — at 12. Wind W. and W.N.W. —
continued W.N.W. till night. Afternoon
was cold & windy. Evening clear, cold & still.

Thursday 13. Paid note to John Clark
given March 17th — due \$35.88.
Niece Sarah A. Bates here.
— paid her \$5.

13. Ther. at 0 at sunrise } Clear. Coldest morning as yet.
23 at 1. P.M. } Cold, pleasant day.
24 at 2½ } Cloudy about sunset and
21 at 5 " } in evening. Clear again at 9.
19 at 9 " }
Wind at first S. at 9. S.W. Another instance
of extreme cold with the wind S. Probably
however the wind was not S. till latter part
of the night. — Wind at 12. S.S.E. and
continued S.S.E. & some S. till night.

Friday 14. Sister Lyman here
Paid her the \$35 sent by E. Judd.
on Wednesday.

14. Ther. 10° at sunrise } Clear. Pleasant day.
41 at 1. P.M. } Mostly cloudy towards night.
42 at 3 " } Evening clear.
38 at 5 " }
33 at 9 " }

Saturday 15. Paper mill caught
fire in forenoon, under the
roofs. Was extinguished by
the engines with loss for 2000
dollars damage.
Anson Chapman paid me 200
on a note. Also Dr. Hooker paid
me \$30. on his note. Took up my
note to Chapman given Dec. 1st.
I have recd. since December came
in — of A. Chapman — 250
of Dr. Hooker — 100
of Ebenezer Judd — 50
400.

Wind at first S.S.E. Still very cold with S. wind.
Wind continued S.S.E. all day. Warmest day
since Dec 2. The roads continue smooth
and waggoning was never better.
Clouds towards sundown went from S.W. to N.E.
but vane was towards S.S.E.

Sunday 16. Professor Fowler
of Amherst College all day.
In evening wrote to Hall & J.W.

15. Ther. 28° at sunrise } Foggy till 9 — then Clear.
46 at 1. P.M. } Fine, pleasant day.
37 at 5 " } Evening clear.
33 at 9 " }
Wind at first S.S.E. — at 12 wind W.
at 2 W.N.W. and continued till night.

Monday 17. Various matters.

16. Ther. 18° at sunrise } Cloudy at first.
21 at 1. P.M. } Partly clear at 9.
22 at 3 " } all clear after 11.
14 at 5 " } Clear, cold day.
6 at 9 " }
Wind at first N.N.E. and till 1. P.M. then N.E.
at 3. N.W. — at 4½ W.N.W.
Sun shone bright, but made no impression on the
frozen ground, except a very little near buildings.
Evening clear & cold.

Tuesday 18 Various matters.

17. Ther. 2° below 0 at sunrise } Below 0 first time this winter.
23° at 1. P.M. } Clear.
22 at 5 " } Overcast with thin clouds
22 at 9 " } before 12, and till night.
Evening cloudy.
Wind at first N. — before 12 turned to S.
at 1 S.S.E. before night S. again.
Clouds today looked snowy. Halo around Sun
in afternoon. A cold day with both N. & S. wind.
Evening dark.
Began to snow at 9 P.M. from S. or S.W.

Snow-storm extended far to
South & west on Monday 17th.
It began Monday noon at Baltimore

18. Snow 1½ inches deep fell last night — 2 snow
we have had.
Ther. 16° at sunrise } Clear at first.
39° at 1. P.M. } Some clouds but mostly cloudy
36 at 5 " } after 9, and till night.
33 at 9 " } Evening cloudy — clear after 9.
Wind at first N.W. — at 10½ S.W. at 12. S.S.W.
at 1 W.S.W. — next W. at 3½ W.N.W.
While the wind was southerly, the lower clouds
were passing from W.N.W. and before night
the vane and clouds & wind came round.
There is not snow enough for sleighing.

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Wednesday 19. H.T. Hooker has
made out my account, &
looked over other matters with
him.
Letter from C. Parkman.

Thursday 20 Was carrying
splitting wood most of
the day.

Friday 21. Paid Miss Sarah Clark
\$11.37 for a bonnet & trimmings
for Apphia (Tuscan) Too bad.

Saturday 22. About wood, cellar
sawaged, &c. At night
watched with Norway
Kirkland, who is sick.

Sunday 23. Mr. Wiley preached
in forenoon, and Mr. Hub-
bard (school teacher) in P.M.

Snow. About 4 inches of snow
fell on 22 and 23 & I call
these 1 storm, and the 3 storm
this winter. There are now
about 5 inches of snow on
the ground - some drifted
by the wind to-day.

Meeting thin to day - many
came in sleighs - very few
on wheels.

Monday 24. Tolmably good
Sleighing.

Tuesday 25. Considerable
stirring in sleighs. Snow
much blown on the hills
and plains. Many bare spots.
The usual plummings
at Episcopal Church last
evening, & to-day.

Wednesday 26. Paid Mrs. Graves
for milk to this date \$40.76
Began to have milk of
Miss Abell, to-day.
At Cousin Timothy's in Evening

19. Ther. 31° at sunrise } Cloudy at first.
36 at 1 P.M. } Partly clear but mostly
28 at 5. " } Cloudy after 9.
21 at 9. " } Mostly clear after 3.
Wind at first W.S.W. - at 11 W.N.W.
at 3 N.W. till night. Mild day.
Evening clear.

20. Ther. 20° at sunrise } Cloudy at first
24 at 1 P.M. } Clear after 9 till near
19 at 5. " } night. Cloudy towards night
17 at 9. " } Evening partly clear.

Wind at first N. - next N.W. - before 11 it
was W. & W. & so remained till night.
A cold, pleasant day

21. Ther. 25° at sunrise } Cloudy all forenoon.
37 at 1 P.M. } Clouds & some sunshine P.M.
28 at 5. " } Cloudy in Evening.
26 at 9. " }

Wind at first S.S.W. next S at 10½ - S.W. at 12.
at 2 wind W. and after.

The snow that fell on the night of the
17th still covers the ground, except the
travelled paths, but there has been no
sleighing. Waggoning still good.

22. Ther. 23° at sunrise } Snow began at sunrise
31 at 1 P.M. } & fell very moderately
30 at 5. " } till noon.
30 at 9. " } Cloudy P.M. but no snow.
At Evening

Wind in forenoon by vane was E.S.E. but
snow seemed to come from N.E.
Vane in afternoon N.E.

3d snow this forenoon fell 1½ inches
deep. Some sleighs running.

23. Ther. 28° at sunrise } Snow began again about
30 at 1 P.M. } sunrise, & cleared at 10.
19 at 5. " } Before noon became clear.
20 at 9. " } Afternoon clear & windy.

Wind at first N.N.E. - at 10½ S. - before
noon wind changed to W.N.W. & remained till
night & the snow blew merrily.

(3 snows) About 2½ inches of snow fell this forenoon.
Evening clear at first - cloudy at 9.

24. Ther. 1° at sunrise } Clear hardly a cloud all day.
17 at 1 P.M. } Cold windy. More still P.M.
11 at 5. " } Bright sun. Evening bright
8 at 9. " }

Wind at sunrise N.N.E. soon turned to W.N.W. and
this change raised at once the mercury 6 degrees,
or from 17 to 7. Wind blew & snow flew.

Wind continued W.N.W. and some N.W. all day.
Coldest day this season, though but little
colder than Nov. 25.

25. Ther. 6° at sunrise } Mostly clear at first.
26 at 12 M. } mostly cloudy before noon
28 at 5. " } and till night.
27 at 9. " } Evening partly cloudy.

Wind at first S. next S.S.E. next S. next S.S.W.
In afternoon first S. next S.S.W. till night.

An uncomfortable day - an unpleasant
southerly wind all day.

26. Ther. 27° at sunrise } Cloudy at first
31 at 12 M. } Clear at 10½ & till
19 at 5. " } night & in evening.
9 at 9. " } Pleasant day.

Wind at first S.S.W. - at 10½ W.N.W. next N.W.
Afternoon first N.W. next W.N.W. till night

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Thursday 27. I was most of the day at auction (Greenleafs)

27. Ther. 4° below 0
24 at 1 P.M.
14 at 5 " "
12 at 9 " "

Coldest morning we have had.
Clear mostly.
Thin clouds toward noon
Thicker clouds P.M.

Friday 28. I was at same place. E. Bates & his wife (Sarah E. Edwards) were here to dinner.

Wind at first S.S.E. another instance of severe cold with southerly wind. Wind continued S.S.E. all day. At 9 P.M. wind was W.N.W.

28 Ther. 10° below 0
at 0. at 9 1/2 P.M. (at sunrise)
" 24 at 1 P.M. last winter or this.
" 16 at 5 " " Clear all day.
" 8 at 9 " " Cold & pleasant.

Saturday 29. My merchant debts are as follows:—
Harc Clark 32⁰⁰ W. Hillier 6
N. Powers 14. E. Turner 5
Haddock & Lathrop 32-11 1/2 = 818
John Clarke 8, and 17 for flour
All 100 dollars. And so on. E.P.P.

Wind at first N.N.W. or almost N. till noon. Wind P.M. S.S.E. till night and in evening. It is not uncommon for the wind to change from one point to another directly opposite. Evening was a little hazy, and a halo around the moon, and a gathering in the S.W.

P.S. Jan. 1. Hillyer, Powers & Turner paid. I paid. Haddock & Lathrop paid. John Clarke paid in April \$25.47

29. Ther. 16° at sunrise Began to snow before day-break. Ceased at 9.
40 at 1 P.M. Cloudy till night except a few spots of sky.
32 at 5 " Evening clear & windy.
19 at 9 "

Oren Kingsley paid today the remainder of the note signed with him to the bank for \$225—dated Jan. 13. 1838.

Wind at first N.E. next N.N.E. next N.E. till noon and till 2 1/2 P.M. then S.S.E. at 8 1/2 wind veered to W.N.W. and continued there till night & in evening, some N.W.

Mahyon, (friend of Sylvester) here. Letter from Dr. Edwin Cooke N.Y.

Snow (4th this season) fell today 2 inches deep with a little rain to moisten it, so that it did not blow. Pretty good sleighing.

Sunday 30. Mr. Wiley all day.

30. Ther. 9° at sunrise Cloudy at first—Clear at 9.
21 3/4 at 1 P.M. Thin clouds P.M.
5 at 5 " " Evening clear & very cold.
8 below 0 at 9

Monday 31. Attended Auction of Chas. Clarke's (deceased) Goods.

Wind at first W. soon W.S.W. Continued W.S.W. till 1 1/2 P.M. then W.N.W. till night. Coldest Evening this year, viz at 6 Ther. was 9 1/2 below 0

Mean Temp. at Northampton in Dec.
at Sunrise 16 2/3
at 1 P.M. 30 2/3
at 9 P.M. 20 3/31

6 1/2 " " at 0
7 " " at 2 below 0
9 " " at 6 " 0
10 " " at 11 " 0

Do. at Dart. College
at sunrise 10-00
at 1 1/2 P.M. 24.5
at 9 1/2 P.M. 13.5

31. Clouds came on before morning and the mercury rose several degrees.

Ther. 2° below 0 at sunrise Cloudy at first.
at 0 at 9 A.M. Clear at 9. All day
16 at 1 P.M. Very clear & very cold
6 at 5 " " day & evening.
6 below 0 at 9

Remarks of C. F. at Wattham
Mercury below 0 only 4 times
viz Feb 26, Dec 17, 24 & 30.

Wind at first N. & continued so all day. Evening very cold like the last.
at 6 Ther. 1° above 0 at 7. 2 below 0
at 9 " 6 below 0 at 10, about 8 below 0.

Coldest time, Feb 27—9° below 0
Warmest time July 11—95° above 0
Coldest days Feb 17 & Dec 24
each averaging 6 degrees
Warmest days July 11—average 84
Coldest month Feb—Warmest July

Mean Temperature of Dec. at Wattham
1838—23.38—do 1837—26.67

Dartmouth College. Mean Temp.
of Dec. 1838—16°
of Dec. 1837—21.46
of Dec 1836—20.20
of Dec 1835—12.90
of Dec 1834—18.50

Mean Temp. of the whole year at Wattham
1838—46.00—do 1837—44.25
5 inches of snow fell in Dec. at Wattham—only 2 inches remained Jan. 1, 1839. December had sudden changes & piercing winds. No rain—roads smooth.

Wind N. 13 observations NW 25—NE 4
" W. 6—S 3—SW 37—SE 5
Fair days 9—Cloudy 12—Variable 10
Snow fell—26 inches in Dec. 7. (and in 1837)

Mean Temp. of Dec. in N. York city. 1829—41.55
1830—37.98—1833—34.12—1836—30.12
1831—22.76—1834—30.93—1837—31.89
1832—35.55—1835—27.53—1838—27.73
1829 mildest
1831 coldest

January 1839.

Tuesday 1. Through the goodness of God, I and all my children have been preserved through another year. Great have been Heaven's blessings upon me all my days.

It is now 4 years since I sold the H. Gazette Establishment and have earned but little in the 4 years. I have expended not far from 500 dollars a year, or 2000 dollars in 4 years, including what I have paid towards the education of C. Parkman, Hall and Sophia, and not including what I have paid for Sylvester. Of this 2000 dollars I received about 700 dollars on debts due to the Gazette Office for papers & advertising, and 1300 doll. for interest (some principal) of other debts, and use of land & buildings before I sold them. I have been very economical in my expenditures, and have purchased no superfluities—have calculated closely—and my family have had some valuable gifts from son J.W. & his wife.

I have read much, thought much, & wrote much during these four years, but have not, perhaps, profited much. My opinions on many subjects have changed considerably within half a dozen years, and I am continually forming new ideas. Though almost 50 years old, my mind is yet in a transition state, and I have but few ideas "laid up on the shelf;"

The expenses of living have been greater for 3 or 4 years past than at any time since the war with England, so far as eatables are concerned. Goods have not been very high, but pork, beef, butter, flour, meal, lard, eggs, &c. have been at a high price.

I left off the use of tobacco Feb. 14. 1836, and have made no use of it since, but do not know that the discontinuance has been of much benefit to my health. My heart complaint, which I first noticed in December 1835 remains as it was apparently.

Table exhibiting when the first snow fell (at Waltham) in each year and when the first frost destructive to vegetation occurred—with the state of Thermometer at each period of first ~~in~~ frost. by C.F.

| Frost. | Therm. | Snow | Frost. | Therm. | Snow. |
|-------------------|----------|------|-------------------|----------|-------|
| 1807—Oct. 7—29— | Year 1 | | 1823—Sept. 30—29— | Oct. 18. | |
| 1808—Sept. 22—27— | Oct. 28 | | 1824—Oct. 9—33— | Nov. 1 | |
| 1809—Sept. 13—32— | Nov. 4 | | 1825—Oct. 18—30— | Nov. 22 | |
| 1810—Oct. 11—30— | Oct. 23 | | 1826—Oct. 9—32— | Nov. 20 | |
| 1811—Oct. 1—31— | Nov. 20 | | 1827—Oct. 17—27— | Nov. 7 | |
| 1812—Sept. 24—32— | Nov. 13. | | 1828—Oct. 13—28— | Nov. 12 | |
| 1813—Oct. 6—32— | Nov. 13 | | 1829—Sept. 28—32— | Nov. 14 | |
| 1814—Oct. 9—25— | Nov. 3 | | 1830—Oct. 4—28— | Dec. 1 | |
| 1815—Oct. 16—30— | Dec. 7 | | 1831—Oct. 1—33— | Nov. 26 | |
| 1816—Sept. 27—33— | Nov. 24 | | 1832—Sept. 14—33— | Nov. 24 | |
| 1817—Oct. 1—25— | Nov. 22 | | 1833—Sept. 14—33— | Nov. 25 | |
| 1818—Oct. 7—30— | Dec. 1. | | 1834—Sept. 30—26— | Oct. 26 | |
| 1819—Oct. 14—30— | Nov. 28 | | 1835—Sept. 17—33— | Nov. 23 | |
| 1820—Oct. 7—30— | Oct. 28 | | 1836—Sept. 7—32— | Nov. 3 | |
| 1821—Oct. 11—25— | Oct. 19 | | 1837—Sept. 25—32— | Oct. 13. | |
| 1822—Sept. 23—30— | Dec. 3. | | 1838—Oct. 7—26— | Oct. 28. | |

Most of the first snows were very light.

Tuesday 1. Was again at the auction. Had business with Oren Kingsley. Brother Smith's wife here. Fine sleighing, and many people stirring.

The year has come in "like a Lion".

Wednesday 2. Again at auction - bought some things. Sister Betsey here - remained at night.

Thursday 3. Again at auction. Bought a few articles. Brother Smith's wife and Brother Parsons & wife here to dinner.

Friday 4. Again at auction. Wrote to J. W. Lett from Hephni. Hall sick in Hartford.

Saturday 5. Again at auction. Good sleighing.

Dec 30. 31. & Jan. 1. very cold at Baltimore. Thermometer at sunrise 30th, 5° = 31st, 2° below 0

Jan 1st 4° = Chesapeake Bay (upper part) covered with ice.

Thur. at Washington Dec 31. 10° below 0.

Barometer in New York rose to 30.10 Jan 1. & was above 31 most of 24 hours - remarkable. No such on record for a long period. Here in Northampton, the Barometer went up to 30.85. In Boston, went up to 31.11. At Dartmouth College 30.57.

Sunday 6. Mr Wiley all day. Spent the evening at Mansion house with bro. Matthews and Irene. Paid my Town Tax to Col. Partridge \$28.55.

Monday 7. Various matters. Letter from C. Parkman. Hall better. Wrote to Dr. E. Cook, Niagara Falls. P.S. Great hurricane in England.

Tuesday 8. Various matters. Wrote to J. Walker by Mr Bolton, enclosed in the letter \$24.00 - viz. to go to B. B. Barber. 214.62 and to son Parkman 25.

1. Ther. 14° below 0 at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. (had been 16 below.)
 " 12 " 0 at sunrise.
 " 0 " at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$.
 16 above 0 at 1 P.M.
 18 " 0 at 2 " "
 10 " 0 at 5 " "
 5 below 0 at 7 " "

Wind at first N.N.E. next N.E. till noon, and till night, and in evening.

2. Ther. 2° below 0 at sunrise
 20° at 1 P.M.
 18 at 5 " "
 20 at 9 " "

Cloudy all day and evening.
 Wind N.E. most of day - some N.N.E. There have been 3^{or 4} very cold days & nights.

3. Ther. 24° at sunrise } Cloudy all day & evening.
 37 - at 1 P.M. }
 32 - at 5 " " } Thawed some.
 30 - at 9 " "

Wind N.E. most of day - some N.N.E.

4. Ther. 31° at sunrise } Snowed some in the night.
 40 at 1 P.M. } Snows a little this morning.
 34 at 5 " " } Cloudy all day & evening
 31 at 9 " " } Thawed some.

Wind N. at first and till noon. Not observed in afternoon. 5th Snow this morning about 1 inch deep.

5. Ther. 27° at sunrise } Cloudy.
 36 at 1 P.M. } Towards night clear.
 20 at 5 " " } Evening Cloudy.
 20 at 9 " " } Thawed but little.

Wind N.E. and N.N.E. all day - mostly N.N.E.

6. A little fog before sunrise, by which all the tiles became covered with frost or ice, and presented a brilliant appearance after the sun had risen.

Ther. 6° at sunrise } Clear after fog was gone.
 31 at 1 P.M. } Very fine day.
 17 at 5 " " } Evening clear
 9 at 9 " "

Wind at first N. next N.E. till noon and till night. Thawed very little.

7 Ther. 17° at sunrise } Cloudy.
 31 at 1 P.M. } Some Rain & trails of sleet and
 35 at 5 " " } Slippery walking.
 35 at 9 " " } Rain in evening.

Wind S. and some S.S.E. during forenoon. Wind S. mostly during afternoon.

8. Ther. 34° at sunrise } Clear day - hardly a cloud.
 40 at 1 P.M. } Pleasant day. Evening clear.
 29 at 5 " " }
 23 at 9 " " } Thawed.

Wind from N. to N.W. all day - mostly N. and N.N.W. Though the wind was in the cold quarter & pretty brisk at times, the weather was mild & pleasant, and it thawed more than it has on any day since some time in November. Water stood in the streets to day - it has not before this winter. There has been but little thawing till now.

January, 1839.

Wednesday. From the 24th of November till yesterday, it was steady cold weather, though not very severe, except 2 or 3 days; and it thawed very little except around buildings. For 6 weeks there was no water in the streets, and no snow anywhere. The rain day before yesterday was not enough to make running water - not enough to saturate the snow, but the thaw yesterday made considerable impression on the snow, & presented the anomaly of a thawing winter day with Northerly wind. Such things have occurred before, however. Fine sunset last evening.

9th Various matters.

9th. Ther. 4° at sunrise
30 at 1 P.M.
21 at 5 " "
21 at 9 " "

Clear.

Some haze in southern hem.
is there. P.M.
Gathering of clouds in S.W.
towards night.
Evening clear overhead, in
hazy about the horizon.

Wind at first N. and
continued N. all day.
Thawed very little.

10. Thursday. About 11 o'clock
last evening, wife was
sick for to attend on Irene
who was taken sick at the
mansion house. I went
also remained till about 4
this morning. Wife staid
till this forenoon. Irene
some better.

At auction (C. Clarke) again.
Bought some things.
E. Hunt of C. left a cheese.

10. It snowed some in the night, and on early
rose. I call it 6th snow - 1/2 inch deep.

Ther. 33° at sunrise
43 at 1 P.M.
36 at 5 " "
32 at 9 " "

Cloudy at first.

Mostly clear after 10 1/2

Thawing.
Evening clear. Aurora Borealis

Wind at first S. & till noon. In P.M. wind S.S.E.
and some S.
Thawed considerably.
Water in the paths } Sleighing getting poor.

11. Friday. Most of the day at
the auction. Auction
completed - and continued
8 days. Sold 4 or 5000 dolls.
worth.

11. Ther. 31° at sunrise
46 at 1 P.M.
42 at 5 " "
38 at 9 " "

Clear all day & evening

Thawing.

Wind at first S.S.W. next S.W. by vane. At
saw some small clouds were passing
from N.W. to S.E. - Next S. next S.E.
Afternoon first S.S.E. next S.E. - not noticed
after 3 o'clock.

Warmest day since Nov. 16, though not so
warm at 1 o'clock as Dec. 2d.
Sleighing almost destroyed.

12. Saturday. Here & there.
Bad walking in the
slap and mud.
Insects were flying about the
woodpile towards night.

13 Sunday. Mr Wiley of M.
Mr Hitchel P.M.
Both sleighs & waggons used
to days sleighing about done.

12. Ther. 37° at sunrise
45 at 1 P.M.
41 at 5 " "
36 at 9 " "

Thawed & covers dropped all
night. Morning foggy.

Thick fog all day till 4 1/2 P.M.

Clear off at 4 1/2 P.M.
Evening clear & windy.

Wind S.S.W. - S. - and S.S.E. till 4 P.M.
at 4 P.M. wind N.E. - at 4 1/2 N.W. and
some N.N.W.

Another thawing day. Most foggy day
of any for 12 months.

14 Monday. Took up notes \$50
given to Isaac Clark Aug. 6.
borrowed 35 dollars more, and
gave him new note for
\$85. [Taken up Aug. 16, 1839]

13. Ther. 23° at sunrise
38 at 1 P.M.
32 at 5 " "
30 at 9 " "

Clear.

Partly cloudy after 3.

Evening cloudy till 9, then clear.

Thawing.

Wind at first W.N.W. next W. next S.W.
at 10 N. - at 10 1/2 N.N.W. - at 1 1/2 N.E. till
night.

14. Ther. 31° at sunrise
37 at 1 P.M.
26 at 5 " "
19 at 9 " "

Cloudy.

Partly clear after 2 P.M.

All clear at sunset

except a gathering in S.W.

Evening clear, but bank S.W.

Wind at first S. - at 10 1/2 N.E. - continued
N.E. till 2 P.M. then N.N.E. till night.
Aurora Borealis in evening - not brilliant.

15 Tuesday. Various matters.
Letter from C. Parkman at
Hartford. Hall quite feeble
yet - has had a hard time.

C. Parkman expects to leave
Hartford tomorrow for New
Haven. He has received
the 25 dollars I sent for him.
This makes 125 dollars he
has had of me since he
entered college.

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15. Ther. 7° at sunrise
17 at 1 P.M.
13 at 5 " "
7 at 9 " "

Clear except haze in S.W.

all day -

Very cold day. No thawing.

Evening clear.

Wind at first N.N.E. - continued N.N.E. all day

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Wednesday 16. Letter from J. Walker with note signed B. B. Barber for 1700 dollars, endorsed by W. W. Reed, payable at Farmers Bank in 6 months, dated January 8. 1839.

Also, note signed by B. B. Barber payable as above for 103.68.
Large Note is bro. Matthews \$1100.00
" " is mine 600.00
1700 -

Small note is bro. Matthews 67.09
" " is mine 36.59
\$103.68

In evening, attended a lecture on phrenology.

Bought of John Clarke to-day 32 $\frac{3}{4}$ yds cotton at 12 cts. = \$3.93.
Weighed 10 lbs 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ or 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ - so was 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds to the lb. and each pound of cloth cost 38 cents. Was stout, thick cotton. Weighed another $\frac{1}{4}$ piece of cotton 32 $\frac{3}{4}$ yds - only 9 lbs - and then 32 yds, only 7 lbs 6 oz - both almost as coarse thread as mine. N.B. This minute made to aid me in purchasing cotton cloth.

Thursday 17. Paid Brother Matthews \$67.08. for what was due to him over the 1100 dollars, Jan. 8. (See July 7). Gave him a certificate that 1100 dollars on first note above, and 67.09 on second note above, would belong to him when paid by Barber.
We 600 dollars in first note as follows -
Due on Barber's old note Jan. 8. 318.30
Sent to J. Walker for Barber Jan. 8. 214.62
Paid bro. Matthews to day 67.08
\$600.00 -

Friday 18. Sister Betsey staid here last night. - Cousin Samuel Edwards here - long talk with him.

Saturday 19. Talk about Phrenology. Much talk about Mr. Wiley's love matters, and his treatment of the Butler girl.
Paid E. Turner \$2. in advance for the Evangelist.

Sunday 20. Mr Wiley A.M.
Brother Matthews P.M.
In evening at Isaac Colby's. The Phrenologist. (Williams) there and Samuel Parsons. Some examining of heads.

Monday 21. Various affairs.
Recd. of Wm Hooker \$50 on note.

Tuesday 22. Various affairs.

16. Ther. 72° at sunrise } Clear. A fine day.
126 at 1 P.M. } Hardly a cloud.
22 at 5 " " } Evening bright.
18 at 9 " " } Thawed very little.
Wind at first N.N.E. next N. till noon and N. till night.

17. Ther. 10° at sunrise } Clear - no clouds.
34 at 1 P.M. } Very fine day.
30 at 5 " " } Thawed a little.
24 at 9 " " }
Wind at first N.N.E. next N.E. till noon and till night.
A gathering in S. - S.W. - and W. towards night.
Evening some hazy - some stars.

18. Ther. 22° at sunrise } mostly Clear at first.
46 at 1 P.M. } many clouds - seen
35 at 5 " " } obscured by turn.
28 at 9 " " } Thawed.
Wind at first N.E. & till 2. at 2 E.S.E.
at 3 S.E. - at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.
Evening hazy S.W. - rest clear.

19. Ther. 29° at sunrise } Cloudy A.M.
43 at 1 P.M. } Partly Clear P.M.
23 at 5 " " } All Clear at sunset
11 at 9 " " } and evening.
Wind at first S.W. next S.S.E. next S.S.W.
at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ W.N.W. & continued till night.
Grew cold towards night, and windy.

20. Ther. 1° below 0 at sunrise } Clear mostly at first.
19 at 1 P.M. } Thin white clouds.
23 at 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ P.M. } most of the day.
20 at 5 " " } Mostly Clear at sun-
22 at 10 " " } set except S.W.
Wind at first N.N.W. at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ N.E.
at 1 S. - at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ S.S.E. at 4 S. and till night S.
A cold day, and S. wind did not improve the weather much. The thin clouds partly obscured the sun.
Evening hazy in S.W. and a halo around the moon.
Waggoning good - roads hard & not very rough.

21. Ther. 22° at sunrise } Cloudy till 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M.
32 at 1 P.M. } At 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ became mostly
22 at 5 " " } clear - No thawing.
13 at 9 " " } Evening very clear.
Wind at first S. continued S. and some S.E. till noon and till 1 P.M. - at 1 N.W.
at 3 N.N.E. - at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ N. & grew cold.
Cold evening - Aurora B. - not brilliant.

22. Ther. 2° below 0 at sunrise } Clear at first.
20 at 1 P.M. } Thin white clouds
18 at 5 " " } overspread before noon.
19 at 9 " " } Clouds thicker P.M.
and a little snow.
Wind at first N.N.W. at 8 changed to opposite direction, S.S.E. (continued S.S.E. till noon - In afternoon S.S.E. - S. and S.S.W. - mostly the latter.
A very cold day with southerly wind.
Snowed sparingly two or three hours in afternoon from S. - almost $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch.
Evening partly clear.
A little more snow in the night - but not much over $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch in all. 7th snow.

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Wednesday 23. Crows were noisy this morning. Is this a sign of any thing? I attended an auction near paper mill to day. Gave Saml. F. Phelps a power of Attorney to get my dividend on Rail Road Shares, in N. York. He paid me the amount of dividend, viz. 40 dollars. Evening, was at Mrs. Mary Phelps's.

Thursday 24. Wrote to Walker by S. F. Phelps. Sold a few in Westhampton Meeting house to L. S. Marsh and S. L. Rhoades for \$40. Took one note for \$20 payable Jan. 1. 1840, & one for \$20 payable Jan. 1. 1841 - both with interest. Gave a writing promising to give a little when notes are paid. This paper cost my father over 100. Boston 7 to 8° below 0.

Friday 25. Various affairs.

Saturday 26 I read nearly all day in Palfrey's Jewish Antiquities. Too rainy to be abroad. First rainy day since last November. The winter before this has been dry - not much water by rain or thaw.

P.S. 26th & 27. in Western New York, the snow fell 2½ or 3 feet deep.

Sunday 27 Mr. Wiley all day. Letter from Anthonia.

After sunset, went to view the Connecticut at the bridge. The rain of yesterday broke up the ice, in all the streams, & much damage was done to bridges, &c. The Connecticut is very high & covers much of the meadows - it is apparently only 4 or 5 feet below the bridge. The water sets back and covers the little bridge in Hawley Street.

Monday 28. Examining the floor almost of the day. Sun next page.

23. Ther. 16° at sunrise
16 at 10½ A.M.
9 at 1 P.M.
7 at 2 " "
6 at 3 " "
3 at 4 " "
0 at 5½ " "
2 below 0, at 6½ P.M.
6 " " at 9 " "
8 " " at 11 " "

Cloudy at first
Partly clear after 12
All clear after 3
Windy.
Evening clear.

Wind at first N. - at 10 changed to N.W. and continued N.W. and some N.N.W. till night and in evening - blew hard - The little snow of yesterday was blown into heaps. Coldest day this winter - at 1 o'clock was 7 degrees colder than any other day at 1.

24. Ther. 12° below 0 at sunrise
18 above 0 at 1 P.M.
15 " " at 5 " "
11 " " at 9 " "

Clear at first except a bank in S.W. Before noon, many light white clouds more clouds P.M.

Wind at first N.N.E. - at 9½ N.E. - at 10 E.S.E. at 10½ S.S.E. continued round to S.W. and at 11½ was at W.N.W. continued there till 2 P.M. then S. continued S. and S.S.E. till night - Evening partly clear. No thawing to day. Thermometer remained below 0 till 9½ A.M. Last night & night of Dec 31. were about the same - coldest since winter of 1836-7.

25. Ther. 14° at sunrise
36 at 1 P.M.
36 at 5 " "
32 at 9 " "

Clear at first. Soon thin white clouds overspread - did not hide the sun. Sun had halo thicker clouds P.M.

Wind at first S.S.W. next S.S.E. next S.S.W. Afternoon, first S.S.W. & blew strong and raised the mercury. Continued S.S.W. and S. till night. - Evening cloudy but moon shone through.

26. Rained latter part of the night and rains this morning. Warmest morning since Nov. 14th.

Ther. 46° at sunrise
32 at 11½ 12.
50 at 1 P.M.
52 at 5 " "
52 at 9 " "

Rainy all day by turns - also in the evening. Windy. Warmest day since the 13 or 14th of Nov.

Wind at first S.S.E. next S.E. next E.S.E. till noon, and a strong wind from E.S.E. Afternoon wind strong from E.S.E. and some S.E. - continued till night and grew more violent, strong wind from E.S.E. in evening.

27. Ther. 31° at sunrise
28 at 1 P.M.
22 at 5 " "
14 at 9 " "

Cloudy all day & till 8 P.M. then clear. No thawing.

Wind at first S.W. - at 10 W.N.W. and grew cold. Continued W.N.W. till night.

28. Ther. 10° at sunrise
18 at 1 P.M.
17 at 5 " "
19 at 9 " "

Cloudy all day. Evening partly clear. Cloudy again after 9 P.M. Cold, unpleasant day. Wind brisk from N.W. all day.

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Monday 28 continued } Visited the lower end of Pleasant St.
The Flood. } South Street about the bridge, and
in the afternoon, the Great River about the bridge.
The ice on the Connecticut broke up Saturday night after
midnight, and the water continued to rise till towards
midnight on Sunday night. It had fallen about 18 inches
at the bridge when I visited it at 1 or 2 o'clock this afternoon.
The floating ice continued to pass swiftly down stream till
the latter part of last night when it met some obstruction
some miles below, and ceased to move, and to day the river
is entirely covered with fragments of ice, heaped together in
all forms & shapes, and all frozen together, so that men
pass about on them any where. In Hadley meadow
at the East end of the bridge, the water for some 20 rods runs
swiftly and free from ice, but beyond, among the apple
trees, the meadow is covered some distance with pieces of
ice like the river, and a few foot passengers passed to Hadley
to day, by a boat from the bridge to the ice, and then on the
ice to the higher part of the meadow.

When I was at the bridge to-day, the general level of the
top of the ice was about 3 feet below the bottom of the boards
that cover the sides of the bridge, (and those boards are 6 or 8 inches
below the lower string pieces,) but many pieces of ice were
one or two feet higher; and before the river fell, many pieces
of ice struck the ends of the boards & tore them off or broke
them. The river had been about 16 or 18 inches higher.
It was then, after falling 16 or 18 inches, up to the limbs of the
apple trees, or near them, in Hadley meadow, the body
of the trees being nearly all under water.

Owing to some obstructions below, the river at the
bridge rose higher than it did in the September flood
1828, and about as high as in the Jefferson flood of 1801.
But it did not come upon our meadows so high as
in 1828, though nearly as high, and was 2 feet or more
below the flood of 1801. The upper meadow east of Bridge
Street ^{was} out of water except the swales. It seemed to be
higher in Hadley meadow than in 1828.

The Mill River flood on Saturday night came over
the road this side of South Street bridge, and came up to
the floor of one or two small houses that stand above the
bridge on this side. ^{and was very high} Mill river is to day on a level
with the Connecticut, having fallen some feet at the bridge.
It is covered with ice, and below the bridge, there are large
masses of the ice that floated down.

The ice on the Connecticut was a foot thick, and some
of it 15 or 16 inches. Ellwell's Island above the bridge
is some feet under water - only the tops of a few of the
highest trees can be seen. Hubbard's meadow above
the Island is under water.

Tuesday 29. Visited the Great River again about 11 o'clock A.M. The
appearance much as yesterday, except the water had fallen
about 2 feet since yesterday & was $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet lower than the highest
point to which it had risen. Quite a large stream still running
across Hadley meadow at east end of the bridge, but not very deep.
The ice has partly blocked up the river below the mouth of Mill
river, not far from the fishing shelter - below that, the river
is said to be open & free from ice.

On the lower part of the meadow, the water has not been so high
as in 1828, but on the upper part some think it has been higher.
In Hadley Street the water came up to the Meeting house in places, and
extended across the street nearly to School house. In Hatfield it came
up to the brick school house - in both places equal at least to 1801.

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Tuesday 29. Most of the talk is about the destruction of bridges, and other things connected with the Freshet.

Let H.T. Hooker have 50 dols. and took his note.

Rec'd. letter from G.H. Gee, enclosing deed I sent to him 2 months ago. See Nov. 30. 1838.

Wednesday 30. Letter from Hooker. Wrote to Arthur.

Visited the great bridge again. Water had fallen $6\frac{1}{2}$ feet in all, and was 8 to $8\frac{1}{2}$ feet below the bridge — had ceased to run in Hadley meadow. No waggon has passed to or from Hadley since Saturday — only footmen have passed.

Thursday 31. Examined the height of the flood (as it had been at the highest) at lower end of Pleasant Street and below South Street bridge, made some marks.

Flood of 1801 came up through the gate in the street, at lower end of Pleasant Street, & came into street below Widow (Justin) Cook's. It was about two feet above the floor in Jos. Clarke's store house below the gate — barrels of pork were swimming in the store house, so says John Rusell. The flood of 1798 was 15 inches lower.

The Flood of Sept. 1828 came up about 8 inches over the store house floor — came up nearly against Mrs. Clapp's house further east — came upon wall of Jos. Clarke's house, N.E. end.

Late Flood was 4 or 5 inches below the sill of Jos. Clarke's store house — barely came over first bridge that side of store house — only came up to the bottom of the wall of Jos. Clarke's house.

Late flood in Mill River was 10 or 12 inches below the string piece of the bridge — was about 2 feet below the top of bank west of late Dr. Hunt's barn — and was 8 or 10 inches below the sill of Dr. Hunt's barn. At the bridge, the mill river flood was higher than the Gt. River flood, but in going downstream 50 or 60 rods, the Great River flood was the highest.

At the Capt. Bridge, the water went over the flat a little below the bridge, which it did not do in 1828 — it was about as high as 1801 — some think higher — but it was not up long enough to set back upon the meadows as in 1828.

29th. Ther. 15° at sunrise } Clear all day
27 at 1 P.M. } and pleasant — but
21 at 5 " " } rather cold & windy.
15 at 9 " "

Wind W.N.W. and N.W. all day, and rather brisk at times. Fine sunsetting. Evening bright.

30. Ther. 19° at sunrise } Some cloudy, some clear, A.M.
29 at 1 P.M. } Clear & pleasant P.M.
31 at 5 " " } till near sunset.
26 at 9 " " } Cloudy evening till 8.
Clear after 8.

Wind at first N.N.E. but clouds were passing from the W. Wind changed to opposite, viz. to S.S.W. — Afternoon first S. next S.S.E. till night. — After 8 wind W.N.W. Crows noisy this morning. A little hail A.M.

31. Ther. 18° at sunrise } Clear & some windy A.M.
27 at 1 P.M. } Some clouds P.M.
23 at 5 " " } Evening little hazy.
20 at 9 " "

Wind at first W.N.W. and continued till night except some N.W.

Floods at Hartford. That of 1801 greatest since the year 1692, & was $26\frac{1}{2}$ feet above low water mark.

In Sept 1828, river was (22) feet above L.W. mark.

In Jan'y. 1839, river was $23\frac{1}{2}$ feet above afternoon of Monday last, and all east of Front Street was under water. River was blocked up by ice below, as at Northampton.

Flood in Hadley Street about 12 inches higher than in 1801. (aboutful.)

Mean Temp. at Portsmouth, N.H. for 4 weeks in January — 1834 — $22\frac{1}{2}$ — 1835, $24\frac{1}{2}$ — 1836, $23\frac{5}{12}$ — 1837, $16\frac{10}{12}$ — 1838, $32\frac{5}{12}$ — 1839, $23\frac{8}{12}$.

Observations at 7, 1, and 9.

Do. at Wattham — for Jan. 1839, — 24.62 }
(He says, 26.62, but his figures make } only 93
or. at sunrise $19\frac{14}{100}$ } or average $24\frac{53}{93}$ { corrected by C.F.
at 2 P.M. $31\frac{34}{100}$ } his says 24.62
at 9 " " $22\frac{31}{100}$ } — 1838 at Wattham 31.31

Average Temp. of Jan. for 12 years past — 24.80

January at W. not very cold, except 1 or 2 days. Less snow never known — only 4 inches in Jan. No rain of consequence from Nov 15 to Jan 26 — 71 days, at W.

Mean Temp. at Northampton for Jan.

vis. at sunrise $27\frac{8}{100}$ } average $23\frac{8}{100}$
at 1 P.M. $31\frac{31}{100}$
at 9 " " $21\frac{31}{100}$

Mean Temp. at Dart. College for January 1839

at sunrise 11.22 } average 16.63 } The figures make at
at 1 P.M. 22.71 } 1 P.M. $25^{\circ} 20'$
at 9 " " 15.97 } Is this right?

Do. Jan 1838 — 26.57 — Jan. 1837, 10.57 — Jan 1836, 19.30
" Jan. 1835 — 17.67 .

Par days 7. Cloudy 11. Variable 13

Wind N 19; N.W. 31; N.E. 4; W 3; S 3; S.W. 24; S.E. 9

Snow 5 inches — do 1838, 6 in. do 1837, 38 in. do 1836, 42 in

Do 1835, 25 inches } 12 observations below 0.
Rain 26th, 14 inches. } Jan. 1. at sunrise 22° below 0
23 at 9 P.M. 24° " "
23 at 12 P.M. 3° " "

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Friday 1. In the evening I wife and Sylvester & Apphia were at Elisha Graves' - a great party was there.

1. Ther. 13° at sunrise } mostly cloudy - A.M.
31 at 1 P.M. } all cloudy - P.M.
24 at 5 " } snowed a little P.M. ^{the wind}
21 at 9 " } evening hazy. ^{8 1/2 snow}
Wind at first N. - at 11, N.E. & till night. - Grows noisy this morning.

Saturday 2. Various matters.

2. Ther. 19° at sunrise } Cloudy at first
28 at 1 P.M. } Partly clear after 11.
20 at 5 " } mostly clear after 1.
13 at 9 " }

Wind at first S.W. - at 10 W.N.W. and continued till night. Evening bright.

Sunday 3. Mr. Wiley all day.

After sundown, Mr. Shepard and I went down almost to Barkusago on the ice. The whole meadow E. & S. of the 2 houses in the meadow, is covered with ice - it generally breaks but in some places breaks through. No water under it. Steps of snow on it helped us to travel on it.

3 Ther. 15° at sunrise } Clear mostly A.M.
34 at 1 P.M. } many clouds P.M.
31 at 5 " } Evening, stars & clouds.
25 at 9 " }

Wind at first S.S.W. - and some S. till noon. Afternoon, from S.S.W. to W. - mostly W. S.W.

Monday 4. Cousin Samuel Edwards here - went with him to L. Strong. E. Cresson made an address in Town Hall in favor of Colonization Society.

4 Ther. 26° at sunrise } Cloudy mostly all day
34 at 1 P.M. } but some sunshine
25 at 5 " } Evening bright.
18 at 9 " }

Wind at first N.N.W. next N.W. next W.N.W. till night.

Tuesday 5. Spent some hours with Oren Kingsley - some with cousin Asa & cousin Samuel.

5. Ther. 5° at sunrise } Fair all day with
20 at 1 P.M. } flying clouds.
16 at 5 " } Cold day - some winy.
11 at 9 " } Evening bright.

Wind A.M. was W. - P.M. was W.N.W. & N.W.

Wednesday 6. Part of day in brother Matthews' business. He and his family at my house. Great party at Dr. Huffs in evening Sylvester and Apphia there.

6. Ther. 9° at sunrise } Clear mostly, but some
22 at 1 P.M. } large clouds, with wind
14 at 5 " } and snow squalls.
11 at 9 " } Cold, unpleasant day.
Evening like the day.

Wind at first W. - next W.N.W. till noon, and till night.

Thursday 7. Part of the day with bro. Matthews. Part on Jewels History. Gave \$1.00 to aid Burnham Phelps at Louisville, Ky.

7. Ther. 4° at sunrise } Clear - at first but soon
23 at 1 P.M. } thin clouds or haze cover
21 at 5 " } the sky. Became thicker P.M.
23 at 9 " } but sun was seen most of the day.

Wind at first S.S.W. till noon. " P.M. at first S. - (continued S. and S.S.W. till night. A cold day - south wind did not moderate the cold much. Evening, some haze, some dim stars.

Friday 8. Part of day on Jewish History; part aiding sister Irene, &c.

8 Ther. 26° at sunrise } Cloudy at first, next
50 at 1 P.M. } hazy, but sun seen.
44 at 5 " } Sun hidden after 4 P.M.
41 at 9 " } Thawy.
Evening cloudy

Wind at first S.S.E. - at 11 S.S.W. grew warm at 12 S.W. till night and in evening.

Saturday 9. Borrowed \$125 of Isaac Clark for bro. Matthews. Gave my note to J.C. and brother W. gave me his note. Brother W. preparing to go to Lee to take charge of the Academy there.

9. Snowed this morning about 1/2 inch. I call it 9th snow. Ther. 34° at sunrise } Cloudy till noon, then
31 at 1 P.M. } partly clear. All
19 at 5 " } clear before night, and
16 at 9 " } grew cold.
Evening bright

Wind N.N.E. all day. Fine sunset.

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Sunday 10. Dr. D. Nelson of the Mission Institute, Illinois, preached all day - but owing to a disorder in his head, he broke down in the afternoon. A small collection taken up.

Monday 11. Brother Matthews family to Westhampton today. He starts for Lee tomorrow morning.

Tuesday 12. On wood; mostly on Hebrew Antiquities.

Wednesday 13. Reading most of the day in Ch. Examiner and other books.

It thawed considerably, and the streets were muddy to-day. It has seldom thawed enough to make mud this winter.

In evening Dr. Nelson gave an address, or made remarks, on Slavery.

Thursday 14. Reading most of day. much talk now & for months past about the License Law. Much about Abolition. Much about Party politics. I give myself very little trouble about party politics. I have less and less confidence in the pretensions of politicians of all sorts.

White frost this morning and yesterday morning. This in winter is said to a sign that S. wind has blown in the night, and that one or two pleasant days will ensue, & then a storm or N.W. blast.

Friday 15. Reading & writing most of the day.

Saturday 16. In the afternoon I went down to the Connecticut with Capt Hutchins, to view the ice, &c. See next page.

Sunday 17. Mr. Wiley all day. In the evening, Rev. Woodbridge of Ware, gave an address on Education in Edwards meeting-house.

10th. Ther. 1° at sunrise } Mostly Cloudy at first
26 at 1 P.M. } Partly Clear from 9
22 at 5. " } to 4.
20 at 9. " } All cloudy after 4; & even)
Wind at first N.N.E. - next N.E.
at 1 S.E. & continued S.E. till night.

11. Ther. 21° at sunrise } Cloudy at first
37 at 1 P.M. } Mostly Clear at 10
30 at 5. " } P.M. many thin clouds.
26 at 9. " } Thicker towards night.
Evening Cloudy.
Wind at first E.N.E. - at 10 N.N.E. - at 1 N.E.
Continued N.E. till night.
In the night, snow 1/8 inch.

12. Ther. 14° at sunrise } Clear all day.
30 at 1 P.M. } Very Pleasant day.
26 at 5. " } Evening bright.
17 at 9. " }
Wind at first N.N.E. - next N.E. next E.N.E.
next E.S.E. till noon & after. next S.E.
next S. - at 3 S.W. - at 5 W.
Wind went round against the sun.

13. Ther. 8° at sunrise } Another Clear, Fine
36 at 1 P.M. } day, but a little smoky
38 at 3 1/2. " } hazy.
35 at 5. " } Evening bright.
28 at 9. " }
Wind S. and some S.S.E. till noon.
Do, P.M. - S.E. - next S.S.E. - next S. till night.

14 Ther. 16° at sunrise } Clear. Another Fine
39 at 1 & 3 P.M. } Pleasant day.
38 at 5. " } Thawing. Spring-like.
28 at 9. " } Evening bright.
Wind at first N. - at 4. N.N.E. and till 5.
" at 5, E. - at 6, S.E.
The 3d pleasant day. Bees out some.
Streets muddy.
Cloudy at 11 Evening.

15 Ther. 32° at sunrise } Cloudy all day & evening
38 at 1 P.M. } Snow a trifle P.M.
34 at 5. " }
33 at 9. " }
Wind at first E.S.E. - at 9, S.E. till 4 P.M.
at 4, S. till night.

16 Ther. 28° at sunrise } Cloudy & foggy till noon.
43 at 1 P.M. } at 12 fog gone & ft of clouds.
38 at 5. " } grew more clear.
34 at 9. " } Very fine afternoon.
Wind N. all day - another instance of
increase of warmth after the wind
changed from S. to N.
Evening partly cloudy.

17 Therm. 34° at sunrise } Cloudy all day.
40 at 1 P.M. } No storm.
37 at 5. " }
32 at 9. " }
Wind at first N.N.E. - at 1 N.
at 4 N.E. till night.
a sprinkling of snow in the night - ground not covered.

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On the 16th, I and Capt. Hutchins went down on the South^E side of Mill River to Middle Meadow, and then crossed that meadow near the lower end to the Connecticut. The little snows that have fallen and the thawing made it pretty good walking on this ice, though in some places the ice broke in under our feet. Mill River presented a rough, desolate aspect - the ice is piled up on its banks, many of the trees shattered & some prostrated, and the banks apparently undermined. The bed of the river is also encumbered with fragments of ice. The Connecticut presented a more grand & terrific appearance. For some distance on this side, the river & flats or beach are covered with immense masses of ice, piled up on each other at various inclinations from horizontal to perpendicular, though most of them are within 10 or 15 degrees of horizontal. These great cakes of ice are from 1 to 2 feet thick - most of them not much over a foot or 15 inches - and they are to appearance heaped up from the bottom of the river 8, 10, or 12 feet thick in all. The main channel of the river is on the other side next to Hockanum meadow, and the surface of the ice is much lower down there, and the ice is in smaller fragments, much as it is near the Great Bridge. Large piles of ice are seen on Hockanum meadow. No water is to be seen; the whole river and banks are covered with ice in all shapes. I have never seen the like, & cannot make a comparison. It reminds one of the fabled transformations of the Genii in the Arabian Nights; or one may imagine that he is viewing the ruins of Palmyra or Balbec, the wrecks of a vast marble city, or a vast cemetery whose marble monuments have fallen upon each other.

Middle meadow below the great elm is covered with ice that floated upon it and that which was formed on it, to the height of 3, 4, 5 & 6 feet, and in some places 10 feet or more, and abundance of flood wood mingled with it. Huge pieces are piled up around some of the trees, and in some places, both here & in the higher meadow, there are large grottoes or caverns in the ice. Above the Great Elm the ice was almost all carried off by the river, which formed a current through Middle meadow & swept off all the ice N.E. of the big elm, & brought on a considerable thickness of earth & filth. This current came within 3 or 4 rods of the big elm and left a perpendicular bank of ice from 3 to 6 feet high, extending from the Hill to the river across the meadow, and the lower part of the meadow seems to be covered with ice as thick as this bank, & is a continuation of it.

In the high meadow there are some places between Middle meadow hill & Lyman's Swamp that are bare, and apparently were not covered by the flood. The high ground each side of Parsons's Swamp seems to be higher than any ground above or below, or as high as any.

During the flood, great currents of water ran from the vicinity of Bank Wigwam, Webb's Hollow &c, across the meadow to Lyman's Swamp & Parsons's Swamp, and brought on great quantities of ice. One small river seems to have gone into Parsons's Swamp, and one small & one large one into Lyman's Swamp. Many large masses of ice lodged on Hockanum road, that being a little higher than the land adjoining. Great quantities of ice lodged on Lyman's Swamp, but they may have come from Mill River.

The road to Hockanum has been so far cleared of ice that waggons now cross the meadow and the river, but the going is very bad.

February 1839.

Monday 18. Sylvester started for Boston this morning.
Sent to Philanthropist Agent, Cincinnati, \$1.00. to pay what I owe them, & to have the paper discontinued - though Pillsbury here subscribed for the Abolitionist and paid W.H. Stoddard \$1. for a year's paper in advance.
Paid Stoddard & Lathrop the note I gave for last year's account.

Tuesday 19. Went with Apphia to see Mr. Whitmay's shulberries in his hot-house - then down into meadow; crossed Mill river to E. side, and continued down to the Great River - crossed the Great River into Hockanum led down 1/2 mile or more below the village - walked up by the side of the walls of ice - called at brother Johnson's - crossed the great River, ascending as we went to the upper end of Middle meadow and on into Webb's hollow - passed the boat in the mud - followed up Webb's Hollow, the ditch and other Hollows to the Hockanum road, & up to Pleasant Street. Were gone from 9 to 1. Traveled about 5 miles, mostly on ice - saw many fine ice scenes. Apphia pretty tired.
Bought 30 3/4 yds cotton fine, at 15 4.61
It weighed 7 lbs. 14 3/4 - almost 4 yds to a lb.
Cost 59 cents per lb. Too high. The cloth not heavy enough. - letters from C.P.

Wednesday 20. Borrowed \$100 of Isaac Clark for H. T. Hooker. Gave my note to J.C. & took H.T.H.'s Note wrote to James Ward, Hartford
" to Saml C. Allen, Northfield.

Thursday 21. Mrs. (Martin) Kirkland here.

Friday 22. Wrote a letter to President Allen of Bowdoin College, in reply to one from him, about the Allens. Wrote to C. Parkman.

Saturday 23. Examining Records in regard to safety of certain debts. &c. - Sylvester arrived from Boston in the evening.

Sunday 24. Mr. Wiley A. All. Mr. Mitchell P.M.

18. Therm. 30° at sunrise } Cloudy at first
37 at 1 P.M. } Partly Clear at 8 1/2
32 at 5 P.M. } Cloudy again.
26 " 9 " " } Clear at 12 1/2 with flying clouds till night.
Wind at first N.N.E. - at 10. N. - at 3 N.N.E. till night.
Rather Windy P.M. but Pleasant.
Finsunth - Bright evening.

19 Therm. 16° at sunrise } Fine sunning. Clear.
41 at 1 P.M. } Fine day.
30 at 6 " " } Some thin clouds P.M.
31 at 9 " "

Wind at first N.N.E. - at 9. N.E. at 9 1/2 S.E. continued round to W. and N.W. N.W. till noon, and till after 3 P.M. Towards night went back to W. and at 6. S.W. Evening gushy - at 9 Cloudy.

20 Therm. 30° at sunrise } Cloudy & hazy all day
42 at 1 P.M. } and evening. Sun showed itself some through the haze.
34 at 9 " "

Wind at first W.S.W. - In the course of the forenoon the wind went round to S.W. - N. - N.E. - to S.E.
Wind P.M. at first S.E. - in course of the afternoon went on to S.S.E. - S.S.W. - to S.W.

21. Therm. 31° at sunrise } Cloudy at first - then partly clear 2 hours.
42 at 1 P.M. } All Cloudy from 10 till night and in evening.
39 at 5 " " } Mild Day.
34 at 9 " "

Wind at first N.N.E. - at 10. E.N.E. - at 11 E.S.E. continued E.S.E. till night.
Some maple trees have been tapped and some sugar made - some in the weather.

22 Snowed in the night 1/2 an inch or 3/8. This I call 10th snow.
Therm. 33° at sunrise } Cloudy all day.
40 at 1 P.M. } Snow all melted.
36 at 6 " " }
34 at 9 " "

Wind at first E.N.E. and till noon. clo. P.M. - N.E. till sunset. - at 6, E.S.E. Began to rain & snow a little at 9 P.M.

23. Snowed in the night 3/4 of an inch, and rained some. 11th snow.
Therm. 34° at sunrise } Cloudy A.M.
46 at 1 P.M. } Partly Clear P.M. say 1/4.
38 at 5 " " } Snow all melted.
33 at 9 " " } muddy.
Wind at first N. continued N. mostly but some N.N.E. till night. A mild day with N. wind. Evening mostly cloudy - some sky.

24 Therm. 33° at sunrise } Cloudy all day & evening.
47 at 1 P.M. }
40 at 6 " " }
37 at 9 " " }
Wind at first S.S.W. and till noon. do P.M. first S. - next S.S.E. - next S.E.

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Monday 25. Various matters.

Tuesday 26. Various matters.
Wrote to Wm. Clark Jr. Boston.
" " E. Hunt, Cummington

Wednesday 27. Various matters.
Samuel Jones paid me on Note
signed by himself & Enoch Lysman
Oct 10. 1836, for \$220 as follows:-
Interest to this day 2 yrs, 4 mos & 9 32.83
and 17 days, to make annual Int.
Paid of principal - \$20.00.
Leaving due \$100.

Thursday 28 Various matters.
At Geo. A. Dwights in evening.

February was milder, on Connecticut
river, comparatively than at
Waltham, Dedham, Portsmouth, &
Northampton was almost $2\frac{3}{4}$ milder
than Waltham - which is very uncommon.
Dartmouth College was only $\frac{1}{2}$ degree
below Northampton; it is usually
from 5 to 7° lower; it was only $1\frac{3}{4}$ below
Waltham.

Birds. Crows have been
noisy almost every day in the
month, & some small winter
birds have been about, but I
have neither seen nor heard a
spring bird. Some say they
have heard robins & other spring
birds.

Travelling - is very bad. The
post penetrated deep into the
earth, & is now coming out.
Stages arrive hours later
than the usual time.

Temperature at Waltham by G. F.
At sunrise $21\frac{1}{2}$
At 2 P.M. $33\frac{1}{2}$
At 9 " " $25\frac{1}{2}$ } $26\frac{1}{2}$ average
(or 26.45 by days.)

years past. February - 1826, - 29°
1827, 26° = 1828, 35.96 = 1829, 20.27
1830, - - = 1831, 22.32 = 1832, 26.24
1833, 22.45 = 1834, 29 = 1835, 22
1836, 16.44 = 1837, 213 = 1838, 16.80

Weather at Waltham 14 years, the
average of Feb. 24.22
Feb. 1839. Weather severe till 14th. After
that mild, but cloudy & unpleasant.
Wheeling good till 20th - after that
as bad as ever known. Very little snow,
5 inches of snow fell. More West
Northwest & North winds at Waltham
than here in Feb - more N.E. & S.E. & S
here - warmer here than at W.
Therm. 8 below zero at sunrise of 5th } at
10 " " at " 47 " W
1 " " at " 41 " W
1 " " at " 41 " W

25. Therm. 34° at sunrise } Rainy, very gently
38 at 1 P.M. } from sunrise to 3 P.M.
37 at 6 " } Mostly clear at sunset.
34 at 9 " } Muddy.

Wind at first S.S.E. - at 11. E.N.E. - at 12 N.E.
" at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ N.N.E. - continued N.N.E. till night.
Evening bright - fleecy clouds passing.

26. Therm. 28° at sunrise } Fine morning. White frost
54 at 1 P.M. } mostly cloudy before noon.
40 at 6 " } Nearly all cloudy P.M. and
35 at 9 " } evening.

Wind at first N.N.E. till noon - at 12 N.
at 1. N.N.W. - at 2 E.S.E. & till night.
Began to rain at 9 P.M. & some hail.

27. Rained & hailed considerably last night
Hail & snow $\frac{3}{4}$ inch thick this morning.
This is 12th snow.

Therm. 34° at sunrise } Cloudy all day
47 at 1 P.M. } Evening.
38 at 6 " " } Snow melted.
38 at 9 " " } Mud & slush.

Wind at first N. } at 12 S.W. - at 1 S.S.E.
and till noon }
Continued S.S.E. till night.

28. Therm. 32° at sunrise } Thick fog & clouds
50 at 1 P.M. } till near noon.
40 at 6 " " } At 12 Clear. Thin clouds at 2
38 at 9 " " } Cloudy before 4.

Wind N.E. till noon. At 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ S.E.
next S.S.E. - at 5 N.N.E. - evening cloudy.
In the night snowed a little, $\frac{1}{8}$ inch.

February has been remarkably
mild, especially, the last half of it.
Such a February seldom comes. Much
of the month has been cloudy, and
unpleasant. No sleighing at all.
Very little snow fell, & not much rain.

Temperature of February here - average -
At sunrise $22\frac{1}{2}$
At 1 P.M. $37\frac{1}{2}$
At 9 " " $27\frac{1}{2}$ } $29\frac{5}{28}$ average of Feb.

Temperature at Dedham -
At sunrise $22\frac{3}{4}$
At noon. $33\frac{1}{4}$
At sunset 30 } $28\frac{1}{2}$ average

Temperature at Portsmouth N.H.
At 7 A.M. $21\frac{3}{4}$
At 1 P.M. $35\frac{1}{4}$
At 9 " " $23\frac{1}{4}$ } 27° average of Feb.

Average in past years - 1834, $30\frac{5}{12}$ = 1835, 24
1836, $18\frac{3}{4}$ = 1837, $24\frac{1}{12}$ = 1838, $20\frac{1}{2}$ = 1839, 27°

Temperature at Dartmouth College.
At sunrise 17.57 } average 24.72 in Feb.
At 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. 33.87 }
At 9 " " 23.53 } first two weeks, 14.6
last two, do. 34.9.
No sleighing since January 20th.
Winds - N. 2 = N.W. 24 = N.E. 4 = W. 5 = S. 4 = S.W. 27
Snow 9 inches. S.E. 18
Fair days 5; cloudy 10; variable 13.
Below zero, morning of 5, 7, 10, & evening of 9,
7, 12, 6, 7, 16
Feb. 1838, 12.26 = 1837, 18.30 = 1836, 10.86 = 1835, 16.20
See March 13.

March 1839.

Friday 1. Paid Isaac Clark my last year's account up to Jan. 5. 1839. \$33.12. Also paid him a balance of extra interest, on some money borrowed & paid in 1837.

Saturday 2. Bought cloth for pantaloons for Sylvester - gave \$7. Sold note to Daniel Wilcutt to John Clarke for the cloth \$6.38. and he charged me 62 cents. Oren Kingsley here.

Sunday 3. Mr. Wiley all day. Isaac Clark & wife here in the evening. P.S. Snow fell in Southern & Western states.

Monday 4. on Connecticut History, &c. wrote to Stephen Bates, S.H. " to John Luddew & H. Penness-day.

Tuesday 5. Anethusa, Hall and Albert arrived from Hartford about 2 P.M. Hall is still quite feeble.

Wednesday 6. Visiting with friends. Brother Parsons & Grace & Brother Johnson & Drusilla here. Bad travelling.

Thursday 7. With friends. much talk these days about border strife in Maine, and threat of war. There are too many people that would be willing to have war. There is a great want of true Christian principle in this, as well as other countries. Oren Kingsley left a note against Jesse Cluwell for \$100 dated Nov. 24. 1838. payable in one year.

Friday 8. Sawing & splitting wood.

Warmest day this year, thus far. Considerable smoke. Began to rain in evening.

1. Therm. 33° at sunrise } Clear except thin gossamer clouds.
41 at 1 P.M. } After 9 1/2 windy with flying clouds.
32 at 6 " " } Evening very bright-
30 at 9 " "

Wind at first N.W. - after 10 W.N.W. till night. Wind pretty brisk. A good March day - not unpleasant. Heard blue birds to day - first spring birds I have heard.

2. Therm. 30° at sunrise } Mostly clear at first.
50 at 1 P.M. } Mostly cloudy from 9 1/2 till
46 at 6 " " } night & in evening
38 at 9 " "

Wind at first S.S.E. but clouds passing from W. to E. After 10, wind S. and S.S.W. till towards night, then S.W. and N.W.S.W.

Saw blue birds to day. Very muddy.

3. Began to snow in the night - ceased at 8 this morning. About 3/4 inch. 13th snow.

Therm. 22° at sunrise } Snowy till about 8.
22° at 1 P.M. } Mostly clear at 8 1/2
20 at 3 " " } Soon cloudy again, but
11 at 6 " " } Sun shone through.
8 at 9 " " } Clear at 3.

Wind at first N. - at 9 N.N.E. - at 1 1/2 N. before 3, N.W. towards night W.N.W. Cold day. Thawed but little. Snow remains. Evening bright & cold.

4. Therm. 2° at sunrise } Clear all day
24 at 1 P.M. } Cold & pleasant day
20 at 6 " " } Evening bright.
11 at 10 " "

Wind at first W. - next W.N.W. Continued W.N.W. till noon - still towards night. At 5, wind W. - at 6, W.S.W. Thawed but little to day.

5. Therm. 8° at sunrise } Haze or thin clouds, but
30 at 1 P.M. } sun shone through.
26 at 6 " " } All clear at 12 & till night
26 at 9 " " } Evening 1/2 clear.

Wind at first S.S.E. - at 10 1/2 S.S.W. - at 11 1/2, W.N.W. at 1, W. - at 3 W.N.W. till night. A pleasant day. Thawed some.

6. Therm. 23° at sunrise } Clear all day & evening
43 at 1 P.M. } Pleasant day.
37 at 6 " " }
33 at 9 " "

Wind at first S.W. next S.S.W. till noon and till night. Blue birds out again.

7. Therm. 31° at sunrise } Cloudy at first
50 at 1 P.M. } Clear after 9 except thin clouds
43 at 6 " " } Pleasant day.
39 at 9 " " } Sky grey - not blue

Wind at first S.S.E. - at 11 S.E. till about 3 at 3, S.S.W. till night - at 6, S. Spring-day.

8. Therm. 25° at sunrise } Mostly clear - some smoke.
56 at 1 P.M. } Sun rose "shorn of his beams".
47 at 6 " " } Thin cloud came on.
39 at 9 " " } All cloudy P.M.

Wind at first N.E. till noon. At 12, N.N.E. at 5, E. till night.

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Saturday 9. on Connecticut history &c.

Sunday 10. Tract Agent A. M. Mr. Mitchell P.M.

Monday 11. About wood, history, &c. from Kingsley here

Tuesday 12 with Hall, on wood &c.

Wednesday 13. About town with Hall - splitting wood, &c.

Temperature of 5 winters, at D. Col. at Dec. Jan. & Feb. 3 months for 5 years.

| | 1838. | 1838. | 1837. | 1836. | 1835. |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Sunrise | 12.93 | = 13.46 | = 9.3 | = 8.5 | = 11.5 |
| 1 1/2 P.M. | 26.76 | = 28.42 | = 24.8 | = 21.7 | = 24.2 |
| 9 1/2 " | 17.67 | = 18.35 | = 15.3 | = 12.9 | = 13.3 |
| Average mean | 19.11 | = 20.1 | = 16.4 | = 14.4 | = 17.5 |
| Highest Tem. | 51 | = 49 | = 48 | = 49 | = 48 |
| Lowest Tem. | -24 | = -18 | = -31 | = -29 | = -32 |
| Cloudiness | 44 | = 41 | = 49 | | |
| Fair days | 21 | = 25 | = 25 | = 18 | = 21 |
| Cloudy days | 33 | = 25 | = 32 | = 40 | = 34 |
| Variable | 36 | = 40 | = 33 | = 33 | = 35 |
| Rain & melted snow, in. | 6.70 | = 5.85 | = 10.54 | = 11.71 | |
| Snow, in. | 40 | = 28 | = 63 | = 89 | = 52 |
| Therm. below 0 | 32 hours | = 28 | = 46 | = 57 | = 48 |
| Baromet. for 5 winters, highest | 30.57 | | | | |
| difference 2.10. | | | | | |
| lowest | 28.47 | | | | |
| do. average - each win. from | 29.47 | | | | |
| Winters much alike. | to 29.62 | | | | |

The above is from Dartmouth College

13. continued. I paid Arcthusa for what Hall owed her \$3.85. I paid her (suits to repay it) \$20.00. I paid Sylvester 3.44, balance due him on money sent May 19. 1838. Gave him Pantaloon cloth \$7.

Thursday 14. Sylvester started this morning for Cambridge. He has been at home 3 1/2 months. Arcthusa went with him - she is going to Norwich &c. Capt. David Jenkins of Gallipolis, Ohio called here - he wants to find the heirs of Elizabeth Judd; there is land accorded to her in Gallia county - was 900 acres - much of it sold for taxes. letter from Samuel C. Allen. Arcthusa returned in the evening, having been only to Belcher town - was unwell.

Friday 15. Wrote to Saml C. Allen Vice H. B. Hoxie here - remained at night.

Saturday 16. Conversation with President Allen. Called to see wife of Chauncy Clark

9. Therm. 38° at sunrise. 12 at 1 P.M. 35 at 6. 34 at 9. Rained most of the night. Cloudy in morning. Partly clear after 9. but more than 3/4 cloudy all day.

Wind at first W.N.W. - Continued W.N.W. and some N.W. till night. Evening cloudy. A cloudy day with wind W.N.W. is not common. Hills around covered with snow this morning.

10. Therm. 28° at sunrise. 30 at 1 and 3 25 at 6. 22 at 9. Mostly cloudy at first. Clear after 9 - no clouds. Cold. Windy. Evening bright & still.

Wind at first W.N.W. Continued W.N.W. and some N.W. till night.

11. Therm. 18° at sunrise. 34 at 1 P.M. 36 at 6. 28 at 9. Mostly clear at first. Clear day - Windy. Pleasant March Day.

Wind at first N.W. - and N.W. all day, and rather brisk. Evening bright & still.

12 Therm. 20° at sunrise. 44 at 1 P.M. 39 at 6. 28 at 9. Fine sunrise. Clear all day, but sky rather grey. Fine March day.

Wind at first N. - at 8 N.N.E. & continued till night. Fine sun setting & evening

13. Therm. 24° at sunrise. 46 at 1 P.M. 42 at 6. 37 at 9. White frost. Clear at first. Considerably cloudy before 12. only thin clouds P.M. Gathering in S.W. before night.

Wind at first N.N.E. - at 10 S.E. till noon. " Afternoon, S.E. - S.S.E. - and S. & a fresh breeze. Thermometer at 1, higher in wind than out, viz. S.W. Evening stars very clear. Strong S. wind. Wind blew all night.

14. Began to rain a little about sunrise. Ther. 40° at sunrise. 44 at 1 P.M. 35 at 6. 30 at 9. Ceased raining after 9. Cloudy till 2 or 3 o'clock. Clear & windy after 3 1/2.

Wind at first S.S.W. & till about noon - after 12, W. - after 1 W.N.W. and N.W. till night. - Evening bright & windy.

15. Therm. 22° at sunrise. 40 at 1 P.M. 35 at 6. 26 at 9. Mostly clear. many thin clouds. Clear P.M. Fine day. Evening bright.

Wind at first N.N.E. - at 9 S.S.E. till noon. " P.M. at first S.E. - at 2 W.S.W. - at 3 W.N.W. at sundown W.

16. Therm. 27° at sunrise. 50 at 1 P.M. 43 at 6. 39 at 9. Mostly clear at first. overcast with thin clouds after 9. mostly cloudy P.M.

Wind at first S.S.E. - at 9 S.S.W. and a strong breeze. Continued S.S.W. and some S. and strong till night. Evening partly clear.

Travelling bad - roads not settled.

March, 1839.

Sunday 17. President Allen
late of Bowdoin College,
preached all day.

Monday 18. Wrote a letter to
Mr St. John, about his ancestors.
Paid \$3. to aid abolition.
Town meeting to day; I did
not go near there.
Blackbirds plenty - have been
about some days, it is said, as
well as Robins. I have not seen
a Robin.

Tuesday 19. Wrote a letter to Noah
Webster, New Haven.

Wednesday ²⁰ Various matters,
mostly antiquarian.

Thursday 21. Antiquarian
matters - attended
auction of lands P.M.
letter from Sylwester.

Travelling still very bad -
has been bad for 5 weeks
or more - frost not yet out.

Friday 22. Have Wright and
B.P. Horse here on business
some hours.

Settled with Oren Kingsley.
Had of him last fall apples - 1. 37.
Had of him last winter 14 1/2
or 15 loads of wood - 10 cords } 27.50
\$ 28.87

Indorsed this sum (as Jan. 1. 1839)
on Note dated May 6. 1837 for
Gouch's land. (see June 9. 1837)

1 Gave up to Kingsley Note
dated May 3. 1836 for 573 \$
200 indorsed May 9. 1836, and 26.49
indorsed March 29. 1838. \$

due on it March 14. 1839 - 344.20

2 Gave up Note dated April 29
1838 \$65. due March 14. 1839 68.70

3 Gave up Note dated May 3. 1838
37.79. - due March 14. 1839 39.75

Interest on part of Notes - 20
to March 22

\$ 452.85

Let him have cash 150.00

\$ 602.85

The Ice on the River broke
up & went off on the 23d March.
The river was open before below
the fish place, so called.
Much lumber is floating on the
river, & great quantities of wood
sticks, chips, stones, &c. are
left on the mud bar.

17 Therm. 29° at sunrise } mostly Clear - thin clouds A.M.
47 at 1 P.M. } Half Cloudy P.M.
40 at 6. " } Evening Cloudy.
39 " 9. " }

Wind at first N.N.W. next N.W. - at 9 W.N.W.
" at 10 1/2 N.E. - at 1 E.S.E. - at 3 1/2 W.N.W.
" at 5 E.S.E. - at 6, E.N.E.

Wind very variable to-day.

18. Therm. 34° at sunrise } Cloudy.
41 at 1 P.M. } Some Rain after 9 by
40 at 6. " } turns. None after 2,
38 at 9. " } but cloudy.
Wind N.N.E. all day. Evening dark & cloudy.

19 Therm. 36° at sunrise } Cloudy all day.
42 at 1 P.M. } Windy P.M.
39 at 6. " } Evening cloudy.
35 at 9. " }

Wind at first N. next N.N.E. till noon, E
till night.

20 Therm. 26° at sunrise } Clear - fine morning
41 at 1 P.M. } Overcast with thin clouds
32 at 6. " } before noon.
30 at 9. " } Clouds thicker P.M.
Sun obscured after 3.

Wind at first N.N.E. - after 9, E.S.E. till after 2
at 2 1/2 S.S.E. - till night.
Evening, some hail.

21. Therm. 30° at sunrise } Cloudy. Rained a little.
35 at 1 P.M. } A wet day, but very
34 at 6. " } little rain.
33 at 9. " } Evening wet also.

Wind at first N.E. continued N.E. and E.N.E.
(mostly the latter) till towards night, then
changed to N.

22. A Thunder shower of rain and
hail in the night. Heavy Thunder.
Therm. 34° at sunrise } Cloudy till noon
48 at 1 P.M. } At 12 half Clear.
40 at 6. " } Pleasant P.M.
38 at 9. " }

Wind by vane N. - (lower current S. at same
time.) - at 9 N.W. - at 10 1/2 round to S.W.
at 12 1/2 W.N.W. till towards night -
at 6 W.S.W. - Evening partly clear.

Received of Kingsley to-day 3 Notes
against Washburn Kingsley principal
and Jesse hyman. surety, all dated March 14
1839 - \$

1 Note payable March 14. 1840 + Int. 134
1 " " " 14. 1841 " 133
1 " " " 14. 1842 " 133

\$ 400

Note against Jesse Elwell payable
May 1. 1840, dated Nov. 24. 1838 } 102
\$100 + interest. - now due

Recd. of Kingsley, July 30. 1838, 3.92 + 15. 4.07
New Note this day - 96.78

\$ 602.85

(Elwell, note same as noticed March 7)

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Saturday 23. I heard & saw Robins this morning for the first time, but others have seen them before. Cousin Sam^l Edwards here to dinner.

Sunday 24. Mr. Wiley all day.

Monday 25. Wrote to Dr. Edwin Cooke, Chalmers P.O. Niagara Co. About wood, &c.

Tuesday 26. Brother Parsons & Irene here. Letter from bro. Matthews. Had two long walks with Hall. — Cont. week.

Wednesday 27. Was at auction at Mr. Sterns's A.M. With sister Hooker, & piling wood, P.M.

Warmest day this year. Though the wind was N. of West, and quite brisk, it did not check the increase of heat. The streets in the village are getting dry and the dust rose considerably to-day; yet the roads in every direction are bad — full of deep mud, except on sandy lands. Frogs croaked at Waltham.

Thursday 28. State Fast. Two Societies in old meeting house A.M. & Mr. Wiley preached. Two Societies in Edwards meeting house P.M. and Mr. ... Tyler preached. Pretty good congregation. Edwards house was crowded. Yet many, very many were playing ball, and engaged in other amusements. Some guns fired. Walked out with Mr. Shepard & Hall at 4 P.M. visited Edward Clark's hot-house & Canary birds. Wrote to bro. Matthews by Mr. Wright.

Lilac buds are considerably sweetened and grass near buildings begins to look green.

Friday 29. With Sister Sarah about village — piling wood, &c. At Isaac Clark's in evening.

23d. Therm. 37° at sunrise } Mostly clear but many clouds, thin.
50 at 1 P.M. } P.M. many clouds both thin & thick, but not cloudy.
43 at 6 " " }
38 at 9 " " }
Wind at first W.S.W. — at 8½ W.N.W. till noon.
" P.M. N.W. till night.
Evening partly clear — mostly cloudy.

24. Therm. 28° at sunrise } Mostly clear at first.
46 at 1 P.M. } Very clear day.
40 at 6 " " } Pleasant, but windy.
36 at 9 " " } Evening clear.
Wind at first N.W. — continued N.W. with little variation till near night — at 6 W.N.W. & a gathering in S.W. & W.

25. Snowed this morning very gently till about 9 — perhaps ¼ of an inch.
Therm. 32° at sunrise } Sun came out at 9½
45 at 1 P.M. } Clear at 10.
37 at 6 " " } ¾ cloudy at 12. Windy.
31 at 9 " " } Mostly clear after 2.
Wind at first N. — continued N. & some N.N.E. till 1½, then N.N.W. till night. Evening very bright.

26. Therm. 23° at sunrise } Fine clear morning
47 at 1 P.M. } Fine day. No clouds.
44 at 6 " " } Bright evening.
38 at 9 " " }
Wind at first W.S.W. soon S.S.W. — at 9 W.N.W. continued W.N.W. till noon. Afternoon W.N.W. and W. till 5. After 5 W.S.W.

27. Therm. 38° at sunrise } Clear morning, except haze near the horizon.
66 at 1 P.M. } Flying clouds.
56 at 6 " " } Warm spring day.
48 at 9 " " }
Wind at first S.S.W. before noon W. & W.N.W. " Afternoon W.N.W. & brisk. Evening mostly clear and warm. A little smoky. Atmosphere not ~~clear~~. Fire alarm at 11.00. Nine pin alley burnt.

28. Therm. 33° at sunrise } Mostly clear.
64 at 1 P.M. } Thin haze or fog same as 27. A.M. Thicker clouds P.M. but sunshine.
59 at 6 " " }
46 at 9 " " }
Wind at first N.N.E. — Next N.E. till noon and till after 1½ — at 2½ N. — at 3¾ E.S.E. Continued E.S.E. till night. Another warm spring day. Evening clear, but stars dim.

29. Therm. 38° at sunrise } Cloudy all day and evening.
48 at 1 P.M. }
43 at 6 " " }
40 at 9 " " }

Wind at first N. soon N.N.E. & till noon, and till 2. After 2, N. till night. Began to rain at 9 P.M. — not much fell.

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Saturday 30. Paid Mrs Abell
for milk from Dec 26 to
this day 70 qts at 5^{cts} = 3.50
Paid postage for O. Kingslay 37^{cts} paid
Sister Hooker remains with us.

Sunday 31. Mr Wilay. A.M.
Prof. Fowler P.M.

30. Therm. 38° at sunrise } Cloudy. A.M.
43 at 1 P.M. } Hazy 1/2 of P.M.
36 at 6 " " } Clear 1/2 of P.M.
28 at 9 " " } Evening bright.
Wind at first N.W. - continued N.W. till
5 P.M. then N.N.W. - at 6 N.

31. Therm. 20° at sunrise } Clear. all day.
45 at 1 P.M. } Sky rather grey.
44 at 6 " " } Evening bright.
36 at 9 " " }
Wind at first N.N.W. - at 9 N.E. (continued)
N.E. and N.N.E. till after 1 1/2 P.M.
at 3. E.S.E. - at 5 S.

Mean Temperature of March
at this place -
at sunrise 27 ³⁰/₃₁ } Average
at 1 P.M. 43 ²⁴/₃₁ } 34 ²⁷/₃₁
at 9 " " - 32 ³⁰/₃₁

March has not been unpleasant
for that month though the
travelling has been bad through
the month. It has been
colder here than March 1838.

Snow. There has been only 4 1/2 in.
in March, and seldom have we
had so little in a winter as the
past winter, viz:

| | | |
|----|------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Nov. 18-19 | 5 inches |
| 2 | Dec 17-18 | 1 1/2 " |
| 3 | Dec. 22-23 | 4 " [2 snows 1/2] |
| 4 | Dec 29 | 2 " |
| 5 | Jan 14 | 1 " |
| 6 | " 9-10 | 1/2 " |
| 7 | " 22 | 1/2 " |
| 8 | Feb 19 | 1/4 " |
| 9 | " 19 | 1/2 " |
| 10 | " 22-23 | 1/2 " |
| 11 | " 22-23 | 3/4 " |
| 12 | " 27 | 3/4 " |
| 13 | March 2-3 | 3/4 " |
| | | 15 inches |

Have we ever had a winter with
so little snow? More in December
than any other month. There
was no sleighing in February
and March - not even a day.
About 30 days sleighing in Nov?
Dec. & Jan - some of it poor.

Mean Temp. of March at Wattham
at sunrise 27 ¹⁰/₃₁ } Average says C. F.
at 2 P.M. 42 ³¹/₃₁ } 33.88
at 9 " " 31 ²³/₃₁

mean Temp. in past years at W.
1826. 33.65 = 1827. 35.30 = 1828. 36.00
1829. 30.11 = 1830. 36.30 = 1831. 40.00
1832. 35.24 = 1833. 30.63 = 1834. 35.75
1836. 28.50 = 1837. 29.18 = 1838. 33.66
1839. 33.88 =
Snow at Wattham past winter, 18 different
days - in all about 24 inches - less
than ever known in a winter there.
In winter of 1822-23, 98 inches fell at W.

Mean Temp. of March at Dart. College
At sunrise 23.97 } Average 30.23
At 1 1/2 P.M. 38.71
At 9 1/2 " " 28.03

Mean Temp. of March in past years, viz
1832. 32.84 = 1837. 26.20 =
1836. 23.80 = 1835. 27.50.
Cloudiness 36. Fair days 11. cloudy 7. variable 13.
Snow 1 1/2 inches. do 1838. 12 inches. do 1837. 1 1/2 in.
do 1836. 10 inches - do 1835. 18 inches.
March 4, at sunrise, 12 below 0.
Winds N.E. 7 observations; N.W. 20; N.E. 3
W. 17; S. 4; S.W. 26. S.E. 17 } 23
Rain & melted snow 1 1/2 inches.

Indiana Temperatures at Peru
in that State. N. Lat. 41 deg. Miami Co.
January 1839 - about 20 days
(record imperfect)
at 7 A.M. 26 ¹/₃
at 2 P.M. 37 ¹/₂
at 9 " " 27 ¹/₃.
February 1839. (some days not down)
about 20 days - imperfect.
at 7 A.M. 21 ¹/₄
at 2 P.M. 39 ¹/₄
at 9 " " 24 ¹/₄
Therm. below 0. Feb. 12. 12 deg. } at 7 A.M.
Feb. 5, 2 deg. Feb. 6. 6 deg.
Con. Current

Indiana, continued. 41° N. latitude.
Last days in December were like first days of Feb.
Therm. from 0 to 12 below at 7 A.M.
Snow latter part of Jan & first of Feb. 6 or 8 inches deep
Sleighing 10 days.
Feb. 20. First blue bird heard.
Wind in Jan & Feb. mostly from N.W. to S.W.
a few days N.E. and S. Many days W.

April 1839

Monday 1. Had two long walks with Hall. did some business for Sarah W. I weighed to day 166 pounds. Rec'd a letter from Hon. Noah Webster.

Tuesday 2. License day, many new faces here, but owing to the state of the license question in the Legislature, the Commission is adjourned for a fortnight. Wrote to Sylvester. Letter from Dr. Edwin Cooke.

Wednesday 3. Sister Hooker left us to day, having been with us 3 days. Walking with Hall, piling wood, &c.

Thursday 4. Rec'd dividend at the bank $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on 7 shares or \$24.50. Paid Dr. Mather's bill \$1.60. Piling wood most of the day.

Sylvester sent to-day \$300, given to him by his Unitarian friends to pay his debts. I agreed with him to pay his college debts & give him up the notes I hold against him for 300 dollars, & thus set him free from debt. He owes notes payable to me & to others where I am surety for him as follows: —

Note to me as guardian of Sarah H. Edwards, dated April 26. 1836 Now due (simple interest) \$117.63

Note to me as guardian Nov 30. 1836 for 80.00 Paid on it Feb 24 1837 34.00 Now due 46. and int. 6.95 } 52.95

Note to Mrs. Johnson, now in Stephen Johnson's hands \$100 dated Sept 15. 1835, I paid interest May 23. 1838, \$18.73 and there is interest now due from Sept 15. 1838 — 3.32 } 122.85

Note to Arcthusa \$80. dated Jan 7 19. 1836 Interest (Simple) to this date 15.40 } 95.40
388.03

For the \$300, Sylvester is to be free from the above \$388 — but he is to consider that he has received some 88 dollars in addition to what I have let him have before. I let him have in cash while in Yale College a few dollars over 200 dollars, exclusive of what he had for the four notes above. I gave him March 13. pantaloons cloth &c.

1st. Therm. 24° at sunrise } Clear all day.
in wind 38° at 1 P.M. } Some thin haze toward night.
out of wind 58° at 6 " } Very fine day.
40° at 9 " }
Wind at first S.S.E. — at 8. round to N.E. at 9 S.E. till noon, and till after 4. at 5 S. and till night.

There was never a finer 1st of April. Some reddish clouds in S.W. and elsewhere at sunset. Evening clear.

2. Therm. 34° at sunrise } Clear all day.
58° at 1 P.M. } Very fine day.
46° at 6 " } Evening bright.
35° at 9 " }

Wind at first N. — at 9 N.E. — at 10. E.N.E. Continued E.N.E. till night.

3. Therm. 27° at sunrise } Clear at first.
55° at 1 P.M. } Cloudy from 8 to 11.
55° at 6 " } Clear after 11.
42° at 9 " } Fine day.

Wind at first N. — continued N. and N.N.E. till noon, and till after 3. At 4 S. at 5 S.E. till night. — Evening clear.

This is the 3d fine spring day in succession. Heard frogs peep today.

Grass has started considerably near buildings and by the side of the street. Lot in brown.

4. Therm. 30° at sunrise } Foggy & smoky.
68° at 1 P.M. } Fog gone at 7½.
72° at 3 " } Clear, but smoky some.
64° at 6 " } Sky grey. Warm.
51° at 9 " }

Wind (after fog gone) E.N.E. went round to S.W. and was there at 10½. At 11½ S. next S.S.E. At 2 back to E. — at 3. E.S.E. Continued E.S.E. & E till sunset. at 6½ S.S.W.

Evening clear. — 4th warm day in succession.

Remarkable weather for early in April. To day the grass in warm places in the lot became green.

The leaf & flower buds of lilacs are opening — also leaf buds of the gooseberry & honeysuckle. The elms have changed color, though not yet green.

Fire not necessary this evening.

Travelling in the hill towns is still very bad — deep mud. & there are many bad places in the river towns.

Many people are ploughing on the Plains & other dry lands. Some have sowed oats.

Heard phebe's & larks to day.

5th. Vegetation advanced more than yesterday — viz. grass, elms, lilacs, &c. Leaves on lilacs & honeysuckle, ¾ of an inch long. Some ploughing in the meadows. Some at work in gardens.

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Friday 5. Paid note to Arthur
for Sylvester (Surrey) \$95.40
See preceding page.
Crossed out Sylvester's name
from this note, & from the
2 notes given to the guardian.
Note to Mrs. Johnson not paid.

Saturday 6. Bought 400^{lb} Hay
at 75 cts. of H. Seabl. Paid.

Sunday 7 The birds make
a great deal of noise
this morning. They have
been very musical for
many mornings past.
Mr Wiley preached at A.M.
Mr Mosely (young man) P.M.

Monday 8. On ancient matters.

Tuesday 9. Aided some in the
Gazette Office.
Bought 1/4 small hog, weight
of Joel Parsons.

Wednesday 10. Wrote brother Smith
Also wrote to bro. Sam^r. Hall.

Vegetation has advanced
but little since the 7th, but has
gone forward some. Vegetation
is as forward as it was
last year May 1. at least;
or 20 days more advanced
than in 1838. Honeysuckle
and lilac have considerable
leaves, & latter shows the
clusters of flower buds about as
large as a thimble. Elm
trees are in full blossom
& color is a greenish brown.
Soft maple begins to look red.
Grass is green all about
the village, and in most
rich, ~~dry~~ lands. The
roads here are dry & dusty,
but there is yet much bad
travelling in the hill towns.

Thursday 11. Letter from Dr. E. Cook.
Went into meadow to
see Cook's land; tried to sell it.
Cousin Samuel Edwards
here. Settled with him for
rent of my 2 shares in par-
sonage for year ending May 1
1838. — Rent was — 11.50
Dues on 2 shares 1.98

I owed him for repairs on the
parsonage (one share) 9.45
and he paid me 16 cts. to balance
I paid him 9.45 on one share April 11. 1838.

5. Therm. 34° at sunrise } Clear except smoke
72 at 12 M. } all day.
60 at 6 " } Warm.
48 at 9 " } Evening clear, except some
Wind N.N.E. & some N.E. till 1 P.M.
from 1 to 2, E. — at 4 S.E. — at 5 E.S.E.
Another warm day — 5th in succession.
Grass, buds, &c. advanced considerably.
(See bottom of last page.)
Fire not needed from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.

6. Therm. 41° at sunrise } Fog, clouds, & smoke
58 at 1 P.M. } Cloudy till 12.
56 at 6 " } Clear P.M. Sky grey
48 at 9 " }

Wind at 7 S. — at 7 1/2 S.S.W. till about noon
" brisk P.M. from S.S.E. and S.

6th Spring day. Vegetation advancing.
Rich homelots generally green.
Elms, some greenish brown; some reddish brown.
Evening fair — but stars dim, and a
gathering of something near the horizon.
and S. Wind strong.

7. Therm. 38° at sunrise } Some fog, smoke & clouds,
coldest place 72° at 1 P.M. } but sup. visible, red, no beams
other places 75 } Cloudy from 9 to near 12.
63 at 6 " } At 12 fewer clouds but a
50 at 9 " } dense smoke.
Wind at first S. till } Thick smoke & many
after 12. at 12 1/2 W. } clouds till near night
at 1 W.N.W. till near } Mostly clear at 6.
night. at 6 1/2 W. } Sun shown faintly by turns.
We had this afternoon a strong wind from
W.N.W. yet the smoke continued, and
the wind was warm.

This is 7th warm } Vegetation still advancing
day. } Evening cloudy at first. Clear at 9. Windy.

8. Therm. 32° at sunrise } Clear. Smoke gone.
52 at 1 P.M. } Very fine day.
47 at 6 " } Not a cloud. Windy
35 at 9 " } Evening bright.

Wind at first N. at 7 1/2 N.N.E. till noon.
at 12 N.W. brisk. Continued N.W. and
some N.N.W. till night.

9 Therm. 28° at sunrise } Clear all day. No clouds
53 at 1 P.M. } Fine day.
50 at 6 " } Bright evening.
35 at 9 " }

Wind at first N.N.W. at 6 1/2 N. at 7 1/2 N.E.
Continued N.E. till after 3. From 4
till night S.E. and some S.S.E.

10. Therm. 26° at sunrise } Not quite clear, hazy.
59 at 1 P.M. } Warm & windy.
54 at 6 " } Haze thicker P.M. but
47 at 9 " } sun visible. Sun red
& no beams after 5.

Wind at first S.S.W. Continued S.S.W.
and S. till noon. Blew violently
Air filled with dust.
Afternoon same wind & dust.
Evening cloudy & windy

11. Therm. 46° at sunrise } Cloudy & smoky
63 at 1 P.M. } Clouds thin. Sun
60 at 6 " } visible part of the day
55 at 9 " } but shadow of its beams.
Warm, dusty.

Wind at first S. continued S. and
some S.S.E. till night.
Evening cloudy and warm.

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Friday 12. I paid Geo. Shepard 70 dollars for house rent 1 year to April 10. 1839. Also paid him \$4 for hay I have had of him for two years past. Barrel of buckwheat flour bought Nov. 17. lasted till today. Cost 196 pounds - weighed out 189 pounds. Have used it every morning for 145 mornings - about 13 lb. for each breakfast.

Saturday 13. On ancient matters. Though cool to day, vegetation advances - the rain has started the grass all about. The crab apple shows leaves. Peach trees show white buds.

Sunday 14. All Wiley all day.

Monday 15. Prepared Genealogy for Mr. Lankton of Hartford. Same for J. H. Butler. Can did to Hamp. Gazette. Mr. Hawley being absent.

Tuesday 16. At Gazette office some hours. With cousin in Sam. Edwards some hours.

Wednesday 17. Packet from Sylvester. Wrote to C. Parkman, and enclosed \$10 for him, on Sylvester's account. Sylvester is to copy to me the \$10. Cook's note Aug. 29.

Thursday 18. At 4 o'clock this morning, Hall and Albert started for Hartford. They have been here more than 6 weeks. Hall better, but still feeble. I have let him have in money, viz. March 13. \$3.85 and paid Dr. Mathew for work \$5.00 at his teeth

8.85

Cousin S. Edwards here again. I signed a note at the Bank as surety for him, for 500 dolls. 60 days. Recd. of Wm. Clark \$100 dolls for Hooker. Brother Parsons wife here.

Friday 19. On Wethersfield old matters. Was selling land of Dr. Edwin Cooke's wife. Sold it to Samt Parsons & Isaac Clark for \$920.

Saturday 19. On old affairs - A dispute about the land bargain of yesterday.

12. It rained considerably in the night, and rains this morning. Therm. 52° at sunrise } Grew more cool
48 at 1 P.M. } and windy.
45 at 6 " } Rain continued
43 at 9 " } all day & evening.
Wind at first S.E. at 6 1/2 N.N.E. and before noon was very strong. Continued N.N.E. till night and strong. Evening rainy, dark and windy. Night rainy & tempestuous.

13. Therm. 40° at sunrise } Cloudy. No rain
43 at 1 P.M. }
39 at 6 " } Began to rain at
35 at 9 " } 5 P.M. Evening rainy.
Wind N.N.E. still strong - all day. Gt. River swelled, and on the meadows some.

14. Therm. 35° at sunrise } Cloudy.
38 at 1 P.M. } Snow fell by turns
36 at 6 " } all day, & melted
38 at 9 " } as it fell.
Wind from N.N.E. to N. and strong - Wind continued from N.N.E. to N. all day. An uncomfortable day. Some Rain in the evening.

15. Mt. Tom & Holyoke and the eastern & northern hills are white with snow. Therm. 38° at sunrise } Gt. cold all
46 at 1 P.M. } day till 6.
46 at 6 " } Mostly clear
45 at 9 " } after 6 & evening.
Wind from N.N.E. to N. till 5 P.M. at 5 N.W. till night.

16. Therm. 36° at sunrise } Clear
58 at 1 P.M. } Pleasant day.
56 at 6 " }
49 at 9 " } Evening mostly cloudy.
Wind at first N. - at 10 N.W. and brisk at 10 1/2 W.N.W. till night.

17. Therm. 40° at sunrise } Cloudy all day
43 at 1 P.M. } Some sprinklings.
40 at 6 " }
40 at 9 " }
Wind at first N. and same all day. Evening cloudy - wind N.W.

18. Therm. 40° at sunrise } Cloudy.
52 at 1 P.M. } Partly clear at 10, and
49 at 6 " } the rest of the day.
38 at 9 " } Afternoon windy.
all clear at 6.
Wind at first N.N.W. and all day, and pretty strong P.M. Evening bright.

19. Therm. 31° at sunrise } Clear
65 at 1 P.M. } Pleasant day. Windy.
58 at 6 " } Some thin curly clouds
50 at 9 " } in afternoon.
Wind at first S.S.W. next S. at 8. S.S.E. at 10 1/2 W.N.W. till night. Evening bright.

20. Therm. 44° at sunrise } Clear with flying clouds
60 at 1 P.M. } Some thin clouds S.W.
49 at 6 " } Sky deep azure
35 at 9 " }
Wind at first W.N.W. next N.W. next N.N.W. back to W.N.W. till noon, and during most of P.M. at 5. N. - at 6 1/2 N.N.E. Evening bright & cold.

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Saturday 20th continued. Lilacs, honeysuckles and gooseberries are quite green and have good sized leaves - The Season.

Next come, crab-apple, currants, and thimbleberry raspberries whose leaves are not so large, but considerably out - leaves yet small. Some apple trees show small leaves, and the flower buds may be seen but the trees do not appear green at a little distance. Peaches show white buds.

Apricot tree... I have seen to-day one apricot blossom and many buds almost ready to open. The one blossom may be a premature one. Elm trees are brownish green. The greenish brown was the blossoms, the brownish green is the seed formation; the leaves are not yet open. The red of the soft maple is the blossoms - some later than the elm. The leaves not yet open.

The Willow leaves are out, but small.

Grass generally green on good lands here; but the pastures on the hills, as seen from here, are quite brown.

Farmers have been ploughing, sowing, &c. most of April.

Night of 20th was colder than any night in April.

Sunday 21. Mr. Tyler all day.

21. Therm. 28° at sunrise } Clear all day
48 at 1 P.M. } Pleasant & cool
44 at 6 " " }
34 at 9 " " }

In evening at Saml. Parsons.

Put letter & deed into Post Office for Dr. Edwin Cooke.

Deed for him & wife to sign &c.

Another apricot blossom to-day.

Wind at first N. at 9 N.E. at 10 N.E. at 10 1/2 S.E. at 11 S.E. at 12 S.E. at 1 P.M. S.E. at 2 S.E. at 3 W.N.W. at 6 1/2 N.W.

Monday 22. On Ancient affairs.

Many apricot blossoms open.

22. Therm. 27° at sunrise } Clear, but smoky
61 at 1 P.M. } Fine day
60 at 6 " " }
47 at 9 " " }

Tuesday 23. My birth day.

I have lived half a Century -

On ancient affairs of Connecticut.

Wind at first N.E. at 6 N. at 7 1/2 S.E. continued S.E. till after, then S. till night. The S. wind was warm. Evening bright.

23. Therm. 32° at sunrise } Clear except smoke
64 at 1 P.M. } Thin clouds or haze before noon and P.M.
66 at 6 " " }
58 at 9 " " }

Wednesday 24. Arcthusa started

at 4 for Boston, Andover, &c.

Quamher 75 to purchase a dress for Arcthusa. Letter to Sylvester

on ancient matters. (Connecticut)

Wind at first S. at 6 S.W. at 7 1/2 S.S.E. before noon S. & brisk. Continued S. and some S.S.E. till night, & strong. Evening some haze. Halo round the moon

24. Therm. 46° at sunrise } Overcast with thin clouds
70 at 1 P.M. } Sun visible A.M.
62 at 6 " " } More clear P.M.
56 at 9 " " } Windy.

Thursday 25. On ancient matters.

C. Parkman arrived from New Haven at 7.

Wind at first S.S.W. & continued them. Brisk before 12 Continued S.S.W. & some S. till night - Evening hazy, & strong Wind from S. Rained some in the night

25. Therm. 52° at sunrise } Cloudy
68 at 1 P.M. } mostly clear at 10 1/2
54 at 6 " " } mostly cloudy at 8
44 at 9 " " } mostly clear after 5

Friday 26. Ride into meadows

with Dr. Thompson. Walk with C. Parkman. Call at Cousin

Simothy's. He has had a paralytic shock in the head & face,

one side - is now at Springfield. His wife in trouble.

Wind at first S.S.W. at 10 1/2 S.S.E. at 1 S.W. at 3 W.N.W. at 6 N.W.

Vegetation. Apricots in full blossom.

Some plum trees show a few blossoms to-day.

Most apple trees begin to look green.

Grass lands in meadows are green.

Forest trees - On Mt. Holyoke, deciduous trees look greenish brown or reddish brown; but oaks & chestnuts, must be an exception.

26. Therm. 42° at sunrise } Clear all day
62 at 1 P.M. } Fine day
61 at 6 " " } Deep azure sky.
52° at 9 " " }

30th blossoms on English cherry to-day

Some people are planting corn on warm uplands - not in meadows.

Wind at first N.W. and brisk - (continued N.W. all day.

Anson Chapman paid me to-day

Interest on 1500 dolls, 1 year 90.00

Interest on a note (municipal paid) 8.35

Boards of mine sold 2.65

\$ 101.24. Deducted from this, 33 cents, because the interest was not due till May 16.

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Saturday 27 On old affairs - Windsor
Warmest day this year.
First peach blossoms appear.
First Currant blossoms appear.
Horse chestnut-leaves are opening
and some are open.
Every thing advancing.
Fire not needed in sitting room, today
and evening.

Sunday 28. Mr Willey all day.
More peach blossoms -
Many Eng. cherry blossoms.
First dandelion blossoms.
Elms just begin to open leaf buds.
The green of elms was at first bloomy
and in some time it has been the
flat seeds, or oced vessels.

Monday 29. On Windsor History.

Tuesday 30 On same, and
reading *Swains Stories*
of the *Alhambra*

Chimney Swallows appeared latter part
of April.

27. Therm. 39° at sunrise } Clear at first
74 at 1 P.M. } Thin clouds came on.
68 at 6 " } Some thicker cloud P.M.
60 at 9 " } but sun visible mostly
Wind at first N. - at 9 S.S.E. before noon S.W.
at 12 W. next N.N.W. - at 6 N.W.
Evening partly clear - some haze.
When the wind changed from S. to S.W.
to a Northwesterly direction, there was
no increase of cold.

28. Therm. 40° at sunrise } Clear, mostly - some
64 at 1 P.M. } clouds & smoke.
49 at 6 P.M. } Sun hidden before 12
47 at 9 " } Cloudy P.M.
A little rain P.M.
Wind at first N.W. - next N.N.W. - at 8 1/2 N.
at 9 N.N.E. - at 1 N. and quite brisk
till towards night. At 6 1/2 N.N.E.
Evening cloudy.

29. Therm. 45° at sunrise } Cloudy all day
54 at 1 P.M. } and evening.
49 at 6 " }
44 at 9 " }

Wind N.N.E. - at 7 1/2 N.E. - at 10 E.N.E.
" P.M. E.S.E. - at 6 1/2 E.N.E.

30th. Therm. 41° at sunrise } Cloudy & smoky.
50 at 1 P.M. } A little rain towards
50 at 6 " } night.
50 at 9 " }

Wind at first N. - at 9 N.E. - at 9 1/2 wind
had gone round to S.S.W. - till noon & after
Wind P.M. S.S.E. and S.
Evening dark & some rain.

Temperature of April at Waltham
for 20 years, by C.F. - v.

1819, 44° = 1820, 40° = 1821, 43°
1822, 44.88 = 1823, 41.60 = 1824, 43.75
1825, 48.50 = 1826, 42.66 = 1827, 49.17
1828, 42 = 1829, 45.25 = 1830, 47.62
1831, 47 = 1832, 40.05 = 1833, 48.
1834, 45.55 = 1835, 42. = 1836, 42.
1837, 42.62 = 1838, 40. = 1839, 46.60

1839 was as ~~dry~~ nearly the same
as in this place, - 46.60.
April was at W. variable & windy
as usual, but milder than for
several years. Grass & Fruit trees
are, May 1, about 15 days in ad-
vance of last year. Fore part
of April very dry, but wet after,
and a fine carpet of verdure May 1.
Fruit trees promise an abundance
of blossoms. C.F.

Ground covered with snow at W.
April 14 and 17. [It is so here.]

Cherries began to blossom at W.
April 24 [two days earlier than here.]

Temp. of April at Waltham 3 times a day
at Sunrise, 38 3/10 }
at 2 P.M. 56 2/10 } average 46 17/30
at 9 " " 44 17/30 }

Mean of first 15 days 44 18/30 } Difference
do of 2d " " 48 16/30 } 3 28/30

Mean Temperature of April at Northampton

At sunrise 39° }
At 1 P.M. 57 26/30 } Average 46 5/9
At 9 " " 44 24/30 } Average of 1838 was 40.

Mean of first 15 days, 1839, was 44 7/9 } difference
do of second 15 days " " 48 9/9 } 3 2/9

The difference was about the same at sunrise,
at 4 P.M. and at 9 P.M.

Mean Temp. of April at Portsmouth N.H.
at 7 A.M. 37 3/10 }
at 1 P.M. 53 4/10 } Average of April 1839
at 9 " " 39 } 43 3/10

Past years at Portsmouth - April.
1834 42 7/10 = 1835, 39 2/10 = 1836, 40 2/10
1837 41 = 1838, 38 7/10

I know not what this means - that Portsmouth
should be so much below Waltham, &c and
morning observation taken an hour later & more.

April at Paris, Indian α - about 25 days imper-
at sunrise 42°
at 2 P.M. 74
at 9 " " 54

April 4. Elm in flower - 9 forests green.
20 Whippoorwill heard. 25 Lilac in bloom
30 bluebell in bloom. 25 Horsechestnut do.

May

1839.

Wednesday 1. George Lyman here.
Also Mr. Bisbee and his
wife here.
Visiting & reading to-day.

Thursday 2. At noon. It has
now been cloudy since
Sunday noon, or 4 days.
The quantity of rain has not
been great. Grass has advanced
more than trees, during
the cloudy weather, but trees
have gone forward.

Plum trees, (viz. red plum, that
never bears) are in full blossom.
Blue plum shows blossoms to day.
Some white or purple plums are
nearly as forward as the red.

Mulberries. The rage for
mulberries has not subsided.
There are public & private
sales of the trees almost every
day. I attended an auction
of mulberries to day.
At H. K. Starkweather's in Evening.

Friday 3. Wrote to Chester H. Gee.
Half blossoms on crab apple.
First blossoms on common
apple. — only 3 observed.
George Lyman & Jaber here.

Saturday 4. No progress in
vegetation to-day.

Attended Hibben's auction
some hours, A.M. and P.M.
Bought only 9d worth.
Parkman went out to E. H. with
George Lyman.

Paid yesterday to Isaac Clark the
note given for H. T. H. Feb 20, viz
Principal 100 \$, Interest \$1.18.

Sunday 5. President Allen
all day. He removed into
this town last week.

Monday 6. About garden, &c.

Vegetation has advanced very
little for 3 days past, and
will not advance much to-day.

Apple. Properly speaking, the
first blossoms on Apple
& crab-apple appeared to day.
Those noticed before were on limbs
close by a house or barn, and
very few of these. On other Apple
trees none till to-day, & very few now.
No blossom on Mr. Shepard's crab-
apple fully open till to day.

Blossoms appear on pear trees.
Eng. Cherries & peach in full blossom
or a little past. A thin blowth
on forest trees on Round Hill
appear of a greenish brown.

Tuesday 7. Paid brother Smith
(he & his wife here) Note of 150
and Interest 12 — both 162 dolls
Parkman returned from E. H.

1. Therm. 48° at sunrise } Cloudy all day
57 at 1 P.M. } Some sprinklings
54 at 6 " " }
52 at 9 " " }

Wind at first N. — at 10 N.N.E. — at 2½ E.S.E.
Continued E.S.E. and E. till night
Evening dark & cloudy.
Some rain & thunder in the night.

2 Therm. 51° at sunrise } Cloudy A.M.
68 at 1 P.M. } Clear soon after 12.
70 at 6 " " } P.M. warm & pleasant
64 at 9½ " }

Wind at first N. — at 8 E.S.E. — at 10 S.E.
at 12½ E. — at 2½ S.S.E. — at 5 S.
at 7 S.S.E. — Evening mostly clear.

Warmest afternoon this year. Some large
fleecey rolling clouds, like those in
summer first I have noticed this season.
We sat with open windows this P.M.

3. Therm. 58° at sunrise } Cloudy some rain.
59 at 1 P.M. } Mostly clear at 8.
48 at 6 " " } Windy & cool, & clear P.M.
41 at 9 " " }

Wind at first S. & strong. at 7½ W.N.W. & strong.
Continued brisk from W.N.W. till night.
Evening partly clear and partly large
clouds from N.W.

4 Therm. 32° at sunrise } No frost. Clear all day
48 at 1 P.M. } Windy & cool
50 at 6 " " }
46 at 9 " " }

Wind at first N.W. — soon W. — at 7 W.N.W.
Continued W.N.W. & brisk till sunset. — at 7 W.
Evening bright

5th. Therm. 26° at sunrise } Frost. Ground & water frozen
62 at 1 P.M. } Mostly clear — thin clouds
53 at 6 " " } Clouds grew denser.
44 at 9 " " } Sun hidden at 10

Wind at first N. (or S.) } Partly clear at 12½
" at 7 S. } All cloudy at 2. Partly clear at 5
" at 12½ S.S.W. and strong }
" at 2 S. at 6 S.S.W. }

at 6½ W.N.W. — and a cloud from W.N.W.
came up with some thunder & a little rain.
To-day has been a windy disagreeable day,
with but little sunshine.
Evening mostly clear. Aurora Borealis.

6th. Therm. 37° at sunrise } Clear.
in wind } Windy & flying clouds P.M.
out of " } Grew warmer after 2.
63 at 1 P.M. }
65 at 6 " " }
61 at 9 " " }

Wind at first W. — at 7 W.N.W. grew brisk
at 2 W.S.W. & brisk — at 6 W.N.W. again.
at 7 N.W. — Evening clear.

7 Therm. 37° at sunrise } Clear at first
61 at 1 P.M. } Thin clouds came on.
51 at 6 " " } Sun hidden before 12.
36 at 9 " " } Sun out again after 2.
till night

Wind at first N.N.E. at 11 S.E. at 12 S.S.W.
at 2 W.N.W. — at 5 N.W. — at 6 N.
Evening clear.

May 1839.

Tuesday 8. Unpleasant, windy weather.
Vegetation has advanced but little since May began. There are but few apple trees that show blossoms.

First trees. Black & yellow oak on Round Hill are green with leaves; white oak & chestnut, ~~do not~~ look green at a distance, but the leaf buds are opening. Some chestnuts seem not to have started. Very many of the trees on Holyoke are still brown, not green - these are probably the chestnuts and oaks. Leaf buds of locust & Norway locust are not yet open.
Received of Wm. Clark, Jr. 200 dolls for H. T. Hooker.

Thursday 9. Bob of Lincoln appeared to-day, and before, I presume.
Went with Parkman to Hockanum P.M. Visited the basaltic rocks near Rock Ferry. Came back after sunset, and Brother Smith & wife came also. Chestnuts & oaks on Holyoke are similar to those on Round Hill. The chestnuts have small leaves, but the leaves are too small & too few to make the trees look green. They appear brown.

Friday 10. With brother Smith. He went home after dinner. He has one arm & one leg lame & weak. Parkman started for Cummings, &c.

Saturday 11. Visited Whitmarsh's Muffberry and poultry establishment on Pancake Plain.
Worked in Garden

Vegetation was 20 days earlier than last year; but is not now more than 12 or 14 days earlier.
Locust, Norway locust and walnut have small leaves, but not enough to appear green. They are not quite as forward as chestnut & white oak, but not much difference.
Apple trees - not all that will blossom are in blossom yet - and many will not put forth blossoms this season.
Peach trees are still in blossom, though passed the full.

Sunday 12. President Allen all day.

Monday 13. About Garden &c.
First open blossoms on Lilac by house.
Crab Apple blossoms fully out.
Flowering Almond do. do. do.
Button ball leaf buds begin to open.

8. Severe frost but not a white one. Ground frozen & many leaves frozen.
Therm. 26° at sunrise Clear at first
60 at 1 P.M. mostly cloudy at 9.
56 at 6 " " mostly clear at 12.
53 at 9 " " mostly cloudy at 1 1/2.
Breeze clear again at 4.
Wind at first N. at 6 1/2 N.N.E. at 7 1/2 N.E. at 9 S.S.E. next S.S.W. and S. till noon.
Afternoon S. and S.S.E. and brisk, & some S.S.W. Cloudy after 6 and in evening, and brisk S. wind.

9. Therm. 52° at sunrise Cloudy at first
72 at 1 P.M. pretty clear at 12.
52 at 9 " " P.M. clear & pleasant

Wind at first S.E. at 6 1/2 S.W., soon S.S.W. about 8 changed in a few minutes from S.S.W. to directly opposite, N.N.E. at 9 N.E. next N.N.E. till noon. Soon after 12 N.N.W. at 1 N.W. (not noticed after this). Evening clear & wind Northwesterly. A change in the weather - more warm and pleasant to day.

10. Therm 34° at sunrise Clear
63 at 1 P.M. thin clouds in forenoon
61 at 6 " " Very pleasant P.M.
48 at 9 " " Evening clear.

Wind at first N. soon N.N.E. till noon, " and N.N.E. till 2 1/2. At 2 1/2 E.S.E. - at 4 S. at 6 N.N.E. At 8 Southerly.

11. Therm. 30° at sunrise. Some freezing.
64 at 1 P.M. Clear all day, and
58 at 6 " " Pleasant.
48 at 9 " "

Wind at first N. - soon N.N.E. till noon. " P.M. just N.E. - at 1 E.N.E. - at 4 N.N.E. at 6 N.E. - at 7 N.N.E. Dry and dusty. Evening clear.

12. Cold nights, or rather cold mornings continue -
Therm. 30° at sunrise - some freezing.
68 at 1 P.M. Clear all day
65 at 6 " " Pleasant.
52 at 9 " " Evening clear

Wind at first N.N.E. - at 9 1/2 E.N.E. at 10 E.S.E. - at 10 1/2 S.S.E. - at 12 1/2 E.N.E. at 1 S.E. at 3 1/4 S.W. - at 3 1/2 N.W. at 5 1/2 W.N.W. at 6 W. at 7 S.E. & S. Wind was very variable to day - it is often so when there is very little wind. Dry & dusty.

13. Therm. 40° at sunrise Thin clouds or haze in ht.
70 at 1 P.M. Clouds grow denser, but
63 at 6 " " Sun shone through nearly
57 at 9 " " all day. Windy.

Wind at first S.W. - at 8 S.E. - at 11 S.S.W. at 12 S. and quite brisk. at 4 S.S.W. & brisk. at 5 S. and till night. Evening cloudy.

* Wednesday morning, May 8th, the Therm. at Waltham at sunrise stood at 25° which is one deg. lower than it has been in May for 32 years. Ice at Waltham was nearly 1/4 of an inch, and the ground was white as in winter. Pears entertained about fruit. At Cambridge at 5 1/2 (or sun 1/2 hour high) Therm. stood at 30°. It was not apparently so cold here as on May 15 and 16. 1834.

May 1839.

Tuesday 14. On (connected matters).
Recd. 100% of W. Clark Jr for H.T.H.
W. Clark Jr here in evening.

Wednesday 15. Letter from David Jenkins, Gallipolis, Ohio, about Elizabeth Judd, &c.

Vegetation appears vigorous after the rain.

Chemist trees on Round Hill now show themselves green but the green is faint or brownish. The oaks on the Hill are much more green.

Apple trees - to judge from appearance, about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the trees do not blossom at all, and on $\frac{1}{2}$ of the others, the blossoms are thinly scattered. Trees are not yet in full blossom, though near it.

Settled accounts with brother H.D. Hooker, and paid him all monies received of Wm Clark Jr. except what H.T.H. owed me. He paid me \$100 on his father's note. - I bought of him a great marble slab.

Put in beet cucumber, radish seed into the ground.

Thursday 16. Planted pole beans and bush beans. Also squashes & corn. Apple trees in full blossom or thereabouts - blossoms are too few to determine the full exactly.

Season now about 10 days earlier than last year.

Friday 17. Visit to burying ground with others to see about making it more decent.

Buttercup flowers first opened to day. I saw only two.

Heard whippoorwill this evening. Some heard them 4 or 5 days since. - Wrote to D. Jenkins. C. Parkman returned.

Saturday 18. Went to view the Siennite ledges toward Hatfield with C. Parkman.

Sunday 19. Mr. Snyder, a young man almost blind preached at President Allen P.M.

Monday 20. Planted potatoes, corn & winter squashes in lower garden.

Letter from Dr. Edwin Cooke, with dead sent to him April 21.

Paid my note given to Isaac Clark Feb. 9 for \$125. and interest \$2.13

Paid 25 dolls. to David Kingsley for brother Matthews.

14th. It rained in the night and rains this morning.

Ther. 56° at sunrise } Rainy till near noon.
66 at 1 P.M. } Cloudy till after sunset
60 at 6 " } but sun set clear.
54 at 9 " }

Wind at first N.N.E. - soon S.S.E. about 10 changed from S.S.E. to the opposite viz. N.N.W. - at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ N.W. - at 12 N.E. at 2 W.N.W. - at 3 N.E. at 4 N.W. at 7 N.N.W. - Evening clear

15th. Therm. 42° at sunrise } Clear till after 2.
78 at 1 P.M. } Cloudy after 3.
70 at 6 " } Some rain at 4
65 at 9 " } Sun out again at 5

Wind at first N.N.E. - at 8 veered round to S.S.E. at 10 S.E. - After 3 wind changed to S.W. and at 4 to W.N.W. Some rain from W.N.W. - at 5 S.W. - at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ W.N.W.

Warmest day this year.

Evening cloudy. A shower at 9

16th. Therm. 57° at sunrise } Mostly cloudy
76 at 1 P.M. } mostly clear at 7.
62 at 7 " } Cloudy again till noon
59 at 9 " } and till night
Some rain.

Wind at first S.S.E. - at 10 E.S.E. - at 11 N.N.E. from 11 to 12 vane was N.N.E. but clouds were passing from S.W. in a contrary direction and it grew cooler. Contrary wind continued. After 3 wind changed to N. and before 4 to N.N.W. At 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ a shower. Wind continued N.N.W. and clouds continued to move from S.W. At 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ wind changed from N.N.W. to the opposite, viz S.S.E. Sun set clear. Evening mostly cloudy - some stars.

17th. Therm. 48° at sunrise } mostly cloudy
59 at 1 P.M. } All cloudy after 10.
58 at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " } Some Rain, not much,
55 at 9 " } mostly cloudy till night

Wind at first N.N.W. but clouds passing from S.W. at 10 W.S.W. till 3. At 3 W. N.W. at 4 S.W. - at 6 W.N.W. Evening cloudy.

18th. Therm. 44° at sunrise } Clear all day.
67 at 1 P.M. } Flying clouds. Fine Sky
60 at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " } Pleasant day.
54 at 9 " }

Wind at first N. at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ N.E. - at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ E.S.E. at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ N.N.E. - at 4 W.N.W. and till night W.N.W. Evening clear.

19th. Therm. 43° at sunrise } Clear.
73 at 1 P.M. } Pleasant day.
69 at 6 " }
61 at 9 " }

Wind at first N. or S. at 6 S. soon S.S.E. at 9 N.W. at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ W.N.W. Continued brisk from W.N.W. till night. Evening clear.

20th. Grew warmer in the night with wind in W.N.W. - uncommon.

Therm. 64° at sunrise } Clear, mostly all day
80 at 1 P.M. } Warmest day this year,
75 at 6 " } with wind W.N.W.
65 at 9 " }

Wind at first W.N.W. Continued W.N.W. till noon and till after 4. - At 5 N.N.W. till night. Evening mostly clear - some haze. Halo around the moon.

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Tuesday 21. Wrote to son J. Walker.
Parkman preparing for N. Haven
Let him have \$50 & took his note
Have let him have Umbrella, P. Knife
boot mending, &c \$2.62 [See Sept 26.
[Note given up \$100 given to S. Johnson instead of this)]

Wednesday 22. Parkman started for
New Haven before 4 this morning.
Planted today the piece of a garden
that I have hired of H. Seare. Am
to give him \$2. if the garden does well.
Brother Parsons & Betsey here.

Have bought a firkin of lard from
Ohio 41 pounds at 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents, &
shall lose perhaps 2 pounds on the
weight of the firkin, or more.
In evening, attended Mr Burke's
lectures (gratis) on Phrenology
and Temperaments.

Thursday 23. On Connecticut History.
Evening, attended Mr. Burke's
Lecture (gratis) on Phrenology.
A fine alarm soon after Lecture.
Widow Orange Wrights barn burnt

Friday 24. Isaac Clark paid me
920 dollars for land he & Samuel
Parsons had of Dr Edwin Cook.
I paid Mrs. Abel milk bill to
May 21st 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ qts at 5cts \$1.52 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Milk is to be 4 cents a quart from May 21
Arctura arrived from Boston
in the evening.

Saturday 25. Paid debts for Dr. Cooke
viz. to Dickman & Shepard 13.42
Note to Hunt & Barrett 251.50
Note to Dr. Barrett 10.05
W. A. Hawley 2 years Gazette 4.50
\$279.47
Took for my services, and a
a little paid for bound stones 5.53
Certificate of Deposit 635.00
from Cashier of N. H. Bank
The amount due for land \$920.00.

Wrote a letter to Dock Cooke, enclosing
the above mentioned certificate of
deposit for 635 dollars.

Paid Miss Smith \$3.50 for bonnet for
Peninnah and 90 cts for ribbon; all 4.40.
Dr Mathews bees swarmed.

Sunday 26. Mr Wiley all day.
Put letter to Cook with certificate
into Post office this evening.

Monday 27. Geo. Lyman staid here
last night - & started this morning
for Andover. Sent letter to Sylvester
by him.
Making out statement for Pres. Allen
in regard to the Allens.

21. Therm 42° at sunrise } Clear mostly
70 at 1 P.M. } Some haze & smoke
66 at 6 " " } Halo round sun at 11.
58 at 9 " " } haze or clouds denser P.M.
Wind at first N. N. E. - at 9. S. E. - at 10. S.
at 11 S. S. W. and S. W. - at 2 S. Still night
gathering in W. at sunset.
The South wind today 9 degrees colder
than the W. N. W. wind of yesterday.
Evening hazy. Moon visible - stars not.

22 There was a shower in the night
and some thunder -
Therm. 54° at sunrise } Cloudy all day
54 at 1 P.M. } Evening mostly cloudy
54 at 6 " " }
52 at 9 " " }
Wind at first N. N. W. - next N. at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ N. N. E.
at 11 N. E. - at 1 N. N. E. - at 2 N.
at 5 E. N. E. at 7 E.

23. Therm. 48° at sunrise } Cloudy all day.
67 at 1 P.M. } Windy P.M.
58 at 6 " " } Unpleasant day.
51 at 10 " " }
Wind at first E. N. E. still after 12
at 1 E. S. E. - and till night.
Evening mostly cloudy.

24. Therm. 46° at sunrise } Rainy a little at first.
60 at 1 P.M. } Cloudy all day - no
56 at 6 " " } rain after 9. A.M.
53 " 9 " " } Evening cloudy.
Wind at first E. N. E. - at 10 N. E. still noon
P.M. first N. N. E. - next N. at 5. E. N. E. till night

25. A shower about day-break. Thunder
after sunrise
Therm. 52 at sunrise } Much thunder & some
73 at 1 P.M. } rain from 5 to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$.
70 at 6 " " } Cloudy till after 12
62 at 9 " " } Some clear at 1
Mostly Clear after 4
Wind variable - at first N. next E. N. E.
at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. N. W. - and heavy Thunder
from W. N. W. Some rain at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$.
at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. S. W. - next S. W. next S. at 8, S. E.
at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. N. W. - at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ E. S. E. - at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ N. E.
at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ E. S. E. - at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ S. S. E. - at 2 S. W.
at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ S. E. - at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ S. - at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ S. E. at 7 S. W.
Wind more variable to day than any
day this year. Evening clear & pleasant.

26. Therm. 51° at sunrise } Clear
76 at 1 P.M. } Very fine day
70 at 6 " " } Evening partly cloudy.
60 at 9 " " }
Wind at first S. W. - next W. next W. N. W.
at 10 N. W. and some N. N. W. till 2
after 2 W. N. W. till night. Evening N. & N. E.

27. Therm. 56° at sunrise } Cloudy.
74 at 1 P.M. } Thunder showers at 2.
66 at 2 " " } Rainy from 4 till
65 at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " } night in evening.
63 at 9 " " }
Wind at first S. S. E. - at 6. S. W. - at 8. S. and
till toward 2. then S. W. and thunder & rain.
soon W. at 3 E. S. E. - at 4 S. and till night.

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Tuesday 28. Reading Carlyle's
Miscellanies (Transcendental)
Vegetation. English grass is generally
headed out.
Red clover begins to show red heads
in early places.
Horse chestnut is in blossom.
Blossoms have all fallen from
apple trees.

Wednesday 29. Reading Carlyle &c.

Thursday 30. Reading Carlyle &c.

Friday 31. Reading Carlyle &c.
(Mr Lawrence Swift (friend
of Arctura) here the day
and remain to-night.

The Season. May 31. or June 1. is
probably 8 or 10 days earlier than
last year. The vegetable world
is very green.

English grass & some kinds with heads
similar to English are headed out.
English was out some days ago.
Red clover blossoms are but
partially out, in early lands.
Buttercups have long been blossom-
ing, but are not yet fully blown.
Seringo's just begin to blossom.
English cherries are $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch
in diameter. Crab apples
and peaches not so large.
Apricots as big as again as cherries,
though not double in diameter.
Currants are from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ grown.
— probably $\frac{2}{3}$ as large as they will be.
Most of the winged seeds of the alms
have fallen.
Young Robins have left their nests
and are flying about.

28th. Rained considerably in the night.

Therm. 62° at sunrise } Raining till 7½.
76° at 1 P.M. } Cloudy till after 2
69° at 6 " } mostly clear at 3
63° at 9 " } A shower at 7

Wind at first S.S.W. and till 8. — After 8 from
S.S.W. to S.S.E. — mostly S. till noon.
Afternoon, S.S.W. and S. — About 7 S.W.
Evening mostly cloudy.

29. Therm. 60° at sunrise } Cloudy at first.
75° at 1 P.M. } Clear after 9 — flying clouds
70° at 6 " } Pleasant day.
54° at 9 " } Fine sky.

Wind at first S.E. next S.W. next S.
Continued from S.S.E. to S.S.W. till after 5.
Before 6. W.N.W. & till night. At 8 N.N.W.
Evening bright.

30. Therm. 50° at sunrise } Clear
66° at 1 P.M. } Fine airy day.
52° at 9 " } Evening clear & cool

Wind at first N.W. after 10 W.N.W. till night.

31. Therm. 46° at sunrise } Partly cloudy — some clear.
65° at 1 P.M. } More clear — many flying clouds
57° at 6 " } Windy P.M.
45° at 9 " } Evening clear & cool

Wind at first W.N.W. next N.W. next W.N.W.
Continued W.N.W. till noon.
Afternoon W. — next W.N.W. till night.
Rather cool to day — fire comfortable

[See June 1. 1850.]

Mean Temperature of May at this place

At sunrise 45 $\frac{25}{31}$ } Average 55 $\frac{11}{31}$ (or 55 $\frac{34}{93}$)
At 1 P.M. 66 $\frac{22}{31}$ }
At 9 " 53 $\frac{31}{31}$ }

Average of first 15 days in May 51 $\frac{14}{45}$ } difference
do. of last 16 " in May 59 $\frac{6}{45}$ } 7 $\frac{77}{90}$

May has not been quite 1 degree warmer than in 1838.
The difference in the 1st & 2 half of May was about the
same at 1 and 9 P.M. viz. 7 degrees — but was greater
at sunrise, viz. 9½ degrees.

Mean Temp. at Wattham

At sunrise 46 $\frac{18}{31}$ } Average 55 $\frac{47}{93}$ or 55.50
At 2 P.M. 66 $\frac{22}{31}$ }
At 9 " 53 $\frac{31}{31}$ }

Average of first 15 days in May 51 $\frac{10}{45}$
do. of last 16 " in May 59 $\frac{25}{48}$

Past years at Wattham

1826, 63.45 = 1827, 56.23 = 1828, 55.59
1829, no record = 1830, 56. " = 1831, 61.90
1832, 51.67 = 1833, 58.50 = 1834, 54.17
1835, 54. " = 1836, 55.12 = 1837, 52.53
1838, 54.14 = 1839, 55.50 =

May was cloudy with E. winds, — but season is
not backward. Grass looks well. Frost of
May 8 damaged fruit. The blowth of apples
was small. Pear blowth abundant.

Only 3 thunder showers — on 2, 3, & 25th
all in the morning.

Pear trees in full blossom May 10
{ Apple trees " do May 19
about 9 days earlier than last year.

C. F.

May at Peru, Indiana. 4 P.M. Lat
about 28 days — irregular

at sunrise 53½
at 2 P.M. 73.
at 9 " 61.

A little snow fell May 3.

Frost killed garden beech leaves May 4

Frost injured garden May 16

Therm. was at 23° morning of May 4
and at 30, morning of May 16.

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Saturday 1. On Carlyle &c.
Mr. Oliver Lawrence went away
in the afternoon.

Sunday 2. Mr Wiley all day.

Monday 3. On Carlyle, and
Winthrop's History.
Cousin Sam. Edwards here.
Paid Henry Shepherd \$1.75 for
50 pounds Buckwheat flour.

Tuesday 4. Winthrop's History, &
Indian Wars.
Some time on Dr. Cooke's interests,
as heir of Frances's Heint.

Wednesday 5. Winthrop's History, &c.
The weather has been cool now
for a week, with but little
fair weather, & considerable rain.
Vegetation does not advance
much.
Today has been remarkably cold
for June, & a good fire has
been necessary all day.

Thursday 6. Winthrop's History.
Prices. Eatables are about as
high as in past years, and
some articles higher. Beef, best
pieces, 12½ cents per lb; veal
7 and 8 cents; lamb 10 cents or
more; potatoes 42 to 50 cents per
bushel; oats 67 cents; rye 1.25
corn nearly up to rye; wheat
flour 8.50 to 9.00 per barrel;
butter 20 cts per lb.
Horned cattle very high - a good
cow 35 to 50 dollars - some 60 dollars
and over; working oxen, good pair
130 dollars - some more, some less.
Hay 15 dollars per ton.

Friday 7. Various matters.
Letter from D. Jenkins, Gallipoli
enclosing \$1.20 for me to hunt
up the heirs of Elizabeth Judd.
Wrote to Hopkine & to bro. Matthews
Wan. Clark Jr paid me \$200
on Hooker's note.
Called in the evening to see a
daughter of Judge Bronson of
Waterbury.

Saturday 8. Various matters.

1. Therm. 46° at sunrise } Cloudy mostly.
63 at 1 P.M. } Some rain by turns.
52 at 3½ " } A shower at 3½
52 at 6 " } Cloudy till night & evening
50 at 9 " }
Wind at first S. - from 9 to 11½ N.E. & N.N.E.
at 11½ N. - at 12½ E.S.E. - at 2 E.N.E.
Varied from E.N.E to E, and E.S.E till night.
This first summer day was cool & unpleasant.
Fire was convenient most of the day.

2. Therm. 44° at sunrise } Some clear some cloudy
63 at 1 P.M. } mostly cloudy A.M.
66 at 6 " } Same P.M.
52 at 9 " } Same Evening.
Wind at first about E. - at 8 N.W. next W.N.W.
at 9 S. next S.W. till noon.
Afternoon S.W. & S.S.W. till sunset. Next S.
Unpleasant. Fire needed most of the day.

3. Therm. 50° at sunrise } Cloudy.
70 at 1 P.M. } Began to rain about
54 at 7 " } 8 P.M. Not a great
54 at 9 " } deal.
Wind at first S. next S.S.E. at 8½ S.E.
continued S.E. till after 2. at 2½ E.N.E.
next N.N.E. and rain. N.N.E till night.
Evening cloudy & dark.

4. Therm. 50° at sunrise } Cloudy
71 at 1 P.M. } mostly clear at 10
66 at 6 " } Cloudy at 3½ till
57 at 9 " } night, fair evening.
Wind at first S. - at 10 N.E. continued
N.E. with variations till after 3.
at 4. E.S.E. & till sunset. At 8. S.E.

5. Therm. 49° at sunrise } Began to rain at sunrise.
57 at 1 P.M. } Continued moderately
50 at 6 " } through the day.
50 at 9 " } Evening dark & rainy.
Wind at first E.S.E. & brisk. at 5½ E.N.E.
at 6½ N.N.E. & continued N.N.E.
till after 5 P.M. At 6 N. till night.
A cold, uncomfortable day.

6. Therm. 49° at sunrise } Cloudy till after 2.
63 at 1 P.M. } Partly clear after 2
66 at 4 " } till night, fair evening.
63 at 6 " }
56 at 9 " }
Wind at first S.W. - at 7 W. after 9 W.N.W.
Continued brisk W.N.W. till night.
Another (8th) cool day.

7. Therm. 53° at sunrise } Clear.
76 at 1 P.M. } Fine day. Clear sky.
75 at 6 " } Some thin clouds after 4.
67 at 9 " } Evening clear. Aurora.
Wind at first W. next W.N.W. next N.W.
At 6½ turned directly opposite, viz to S.E.
at 8½ N.N.E. at 9 E.N.E. at 10½ N.
at 11 N.N.W. at 11½ N.W. at 1 P.M. N.W.
at 5 N.W. till sunset - at 8 N.E.

8 Therm. 52° at sunrise } Cloudy
76 at 1 P.M. } Cloud grew finer &
74 at 6 " } Sun shone through
66 at 9 " } at times.
Wind at first S.S.E. at 7½ E.N.E. at 9 E.S.E.
at 11 S.S.E. - at 12 S. and till sunset
at 6 S.S.W. Evening cloudy

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Sunday 9. Mr. Wiley A. M.
Pres. Allen, P. M.
Attended at Edwards Church
at 6 - Mr. Wheeler preached.

9. Therm. 62° at sunrise
78 at 1 P. M.
76 at 6. "
62 at 9. " } Cloudy all day
but sun visible some
Shower at 7.
Clear at 7½ Evening

Monday 10. Preparing to visit
Connecticut to work
in garden, &c.

Wind at first S. S. E. next S. continued S with
variations till after 3. At 3½ S. W. till night.

10. Therm. 62° at sunrise
80 at 1 P. M.
73 at 6¼ " "
67 at 9. " " } Clear - flying clouds
Windy, but warm.
Pleasant.

Tuesday 11. Fixing for Connecticut.

Vegetation has not advanced very
much for a fortnight past; but
has made some progress.

Farmers are hoeing corn
the first time.

Spring grain sowing &c
look pretty well.

Growth of shroud blossom more
than 3 weeks since, but is
hardly in full blossom yet.
Red clover began to show heads
a fortnight since, but is not
yet full.

Currants, a nearly full grown
- forward enough for pies.

Yellow lilly in blossom - about
half the blossoms are open.

The difference between last
season & this is not much
at this time.

Of the 200 dollars, received of Wm
Clark Jr June 7. I have taken
\$50. ~~and~~ left 150 for H. T. Hooker.

I lent Arthura 12 dollars,
Wrote to Dr. E. Cooke, ^{Paid in full.}

11. Therm. 66° at sunrise
80 at 1 P. M.
68 at 6¾ " "
61 at 9 " " } Mostly cloudy
Mostly clear at 11½
Cloudy at 2.
Partly clear again at 3½
Clear at 6½

Wind at first W. N. W. next W. at 9 W. S. W.
at 11½ W. N. W. & brisk. next N. W. at 2 N.
next N. E. at 3½ N. W. till night.
Evening clear.

Wednesday 12. Started for Hartford and other places in Connecticut
partly to hunt up the heirs of Elizabeth Mudd for Mr. Jenkins
of Gallipolis, who had sent me 20 dollars for that purpose,
and intending at the same time to visit some of the old
towns in Connecticut, and look into their ancient affairs.

Corn on the way was nearly all hoed once - no forwarder
about Hartford than at Northampton. Winter grain looked
well, and spring grain fair. Many of the orchards in
Windsor & Hartford brown, & some a reddish brown owing to the
canker worm - foliage all destroyed. Some trees & some whole
orchards were not injured. White daisies plenty.

Thursday 13. Rode with J. Walker to West Hartford. I remained over
night and walked back to Hartford next day. Apple trees
in West Hartford all brown.

Friday 14. After I returned from W. H. I went over to E. Hartford
called upon Maj. Pitkin. Apple trees brown. Daisies plenty.
Examined the place some, meadows, Hoc Kanum river &c.

Saturday 15. In Town Clerk's & Secretary's office.

Sunday 16. Attended meeting at 4th Cong. church all day.

Monday 17. Rode out to Farmington. In Town Clerk's office.

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Tuesday 18. Remained at Farmington, in Town Clerk's office, &c.

Wednesday 19. Called upon Edward Hooker Esq. Examined the ancient laying out of the place. Called upon an old man, Mr. North, also at Probate office, and upon Mr. Ezekiel Cowles an old man.

Thursday 20. Rode in the stage down to Southington - then in a one horse waggon over the highlands to Waterbury. No cancer worms west of Farmington mountain. Called upon Judge Bronson.

Friday 21. Rode in a one horse waggon or buggy across the highlands to Woodbury. Visited Probate office, burying yard, and called upon Mr. Andrews the Cong. minister. Examined the old Stoddard House. Called at Lewis Judd's store.

Saturday 22. Walked in the rain 12 miles through Southington to Newtown - then rode in the stage to Danbury.

Sunday 23. At Cong. meeting A.M. Methodist meeting P.M. In the evening, called upon old Mr. Osborne, and his son White Osborne who married a sister of Geo. Shepard.

Monday 24. Called at town clerk's office & Probate office and E. Osbornes printing office - Walked out to Bethel 3 miles, and to Dece. Taylor's 2 miles further - called upon Phineas Judd; visited burying ground. Walked back to Danbury.

Tuesday 25. Rode in the stage to Norwalk - examined the place, the old burying ground &c. Spent 2 or 3 hours in Town Clerk's office. Then rode in the stage to Fairfield.

Wednesday 26. In Town Clerk's office at Fairfield several hours. Walked with my baggage through Bridgeport to Stratford 8 miles. Spent 2 hours in Town Clerk's office. Rode in stage to New Haven.

Thursday 27. In New Haven - in Town Clerk's & Probate offices. C. Parkman was absent, but returned at night.

Friday 28. With C. Parkman & at Town Clerk's office A.M. In afternoon went on the rail road to Meriden and then walked 10 miles through Kensington to New Britain in Berlin. Found Philip Judd one of the heirs of Elizabeth Judd.

Saturday 29. Went with Philip Judd to see several factories for locks, hand irons, &c. Also called with him upon several Judd families. In afternoon rode to Hartford in a buggy.

Sunday 30. At Hartford. 4th Cong. meeting A.M. Methodist P.M. 1st Baptist in Evening.

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Monday 1 } At Hartford. Boarded myself & slept on the sheep skins.
 Sunday 7 } In the offices - Secretary's, Probate & Town Clerks.
 On Sunday, attended 4th Cong. and North Cong.

Monday 8 }
 Friday 12 } Still in Hartford. On Friday rode to Windsor.

Saturday 13 }
 Wednesday 17 } Remained in Windsor, at Alford's tavern.
 Carried books there from T. Clerk's office. Examined
 the ancient streets, lots, palisado, &c. On Sunday
 the 13 went to Cong. meeting house A.M. Methodist P.M.

Wednesday 17. I came home through Westfield, having been
 absent 5 weeks. Found all well.

Vegetation - no forwarder about Hartford & Windsor than here,
 or very little. Rye on the plains nearly ready to cut
 and some were harvesting. But few had commenced haying
 in Windsor, owing to the continued wet weather. More
 grass cut in West Springfield, Southampton &c but
 still, haying is only commenced. It has rained almost
 every day for a long time. Saw little or no wheat
 in Connecticut - considerable in West Springfield
 Some of the horned st in Northampton were mowed 2 or 3 weeks
 ago - but some not yet mowed. Corn backward here &
 in Connecticut - but warm weather will bring out the
 greater part of it. Chestnut trees are still whitish
 with blossoms, though they are considerably past the full
 blossoming. Wherever I went in Connecticut I found
 white daisies in blossom - many fields white with them.
 they were in blossom June 12 when I went down, and faded
 blossoms were to be seen when I returned July 17

My expenses

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|------|-------------------------------|-------|
| Stage fare to Hartford | 2.50 | Sum brought up | 22.20 |
| Tavern bill at W. Hartford | 0.40 | Boarding myself at | |
| Shaving 6. Pills 8. | 0.14 | 10 days - Green 83 | |
| Stage to Farmington | 0.50 | Pie 29. Beans 22 | 1.63 |
| Tavern bill at F. | 3.27 | Raisins 6 Sunds 21 | |
| Paper 6. do 4. Strung | 0.14 | Shaving 3 times | 0.18 |
| Fare to Southington | 0.50 | Postage 6. Pills 8. | 0.14 |
| do to Waterbury | 0.56 | Stage to Windsor | 0.37 |
| Tavern bill at W. | 0.87 | Tavern Bill at W. | 2.50 |
| Conveyance to Woodbury | 2.50 | Stage home | 2.13 |
| Tavern bill do | 0.87 | | |
| Stage from Keinton to Danb. | 0.50 | | 29.95 |
| Dinner in Southbury | 0.17 | Bought umbrella at | 7.25 |
| Tavern bill at Danbury | 0.50 | in Woodbury | |
| Lunch at Bethel 12 Shaving 6 | 0.18 | Let Hopkirk have | 1.00 |
| Stage to Norwalk | 1.00 | Let Parkman have | 10.00 |
| Dinner at do | 0.50 | Let Hall have & took his note | 23.00 |
| Stage to Fairfield | 0.50 | | |
| Tavern bill do | 1.25 | | 64.40 |
| Stage from Stratford to H. | 1.00 | | |
| Tavern bill at Haven | 1.25 | | |
| Rail road to Meriden | 0.75 | | |
| Tavern bill at New Britain | 0.63 | | |
| Postage 10. Shaving 6. Crook 6 | 0.22 | | |

22.20 -

of the about 20 for expenses was money
 sent from Gallipolis by M. Jenkins.

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During my absence, Apphia attended to the Thermometer, and kept a record. She made the temperature a little warmer than I should have done, by keeping the thermometer in places not quite so cool as those I sometimes used - probably at sunrise & 1 P.M. she is often 1 degree or 2 degrees higher than I should have put it.

June 12 Sunrise 46 Fair with some clouds
1 P.M. 74 Wind N.W. & N.E.
9 " 52 cool.

13 Sunrise 42 Fair Am. Some Rain P.M.
1 P.M. 61 Wind N. S.W.
9 " 52 At H. Cold. Shown at sunset

14 Sunrise 46 N Fair Cool at H. all day.
1 P.M. 70 NE
9 " 57 S.

Venus was visible today all afternoon in Hartford, near the new moon

15 Sunrise 47 S clear Cool night
1 P.M. 74 S.E. fair at H.
9 " 60 S.

Sunday 16 Sunrise 56 N.W. cloudy
1 P.M. 66 W clear
9 " 55 NW

17 Sunrise 49 S.W. fair
1 P.M. 74 W
9 " 58 S. hazy

18 Sunrise 54 S cloudy
1 P.M. 82 S.W.
9 " 66

19 Sunrise 56 NW clear
1 P.M. 63
9 " 48

20 Sunrise 46 S. Pleasant
1 P.M. 77
9 " 62

21 Sunrise 64 S.W. hazy
1 P.M. 98 W. cloudy
9 " 96

I shot two musketoes for first time this year at W.

22 Sunrise 60 N.E. Raining
1 P.M. 60
9 " 62 N. clearing

Sunday 23 Sunrise 50 NW clear
1 P.M. 79 W some clouds
9 " 58 NW

24 Sunrise 46 NW clear
1 P.M. 78 S.W. cloudy
9 " 60 S. rainy

25 Sunrise 60 S hazy
1 P.M. 78 NW clear
9 " 59

26 Sunrise 52 NW clear
1 P.M. 78 S.E. hazy
9 " 62

27 Sunrise 53 S.W. foggy
1 P.M. 84 S. Raining
9 " 65

28 Sunrise 56 N Rains
1 P.M. 62 NE
9 " 59 W clearing

29 Sunrise 58 S hazy clear
1 P.M. 80 E clear
9 " 62 NW

Sunday 30 Sunrise 50 NE Pleasant
1 P.M. 81 S
9 " 66 S

July 1 Sunrise 50 N.E. Pleasant
1 P.M. 81 S
9 " 66 S

2 Sunrise 60 S. cloudy
1 P.M. 82 S.
9 " 72 S.

3 Sunrise 67 fair
1 P.M. 83 N.E. cloudy
9 " 72 S.W.

4 Sunrise 60 fair
1 P.M. 86 W
9 " 61 NW

5 Sunrise 53 N. cloudy
1 P.M. 75
9 " 70 W

6 Sunrise 60 W. Raining
1 P.M. 73 NE clear
9 " 59

7 Sunrise 60 NE cloudy
1 P.M. 77 S.E. at H.
9 " 82 S.E. Raining

8 Sunrise 53 S.E. cloudy
1 P.M. 79 SE
9 " 66 NW

9 Sunrise 63 S.E. cloudy
1 P.M. 81 S.W.
9 " 64 NW clear

10 Sunrise 64 foggy
1 P.M. 94 S.W. sultry
9 " 75 S.W. cloudy

11 Sunrise 68 cloudy
1 P.M. 81 Thunder
9 " 62 Thunder

12 Sunrise 60 N.W. fog
1 P.M. 79 S.E. cloudy
9 " 60 NW clearing

13 Sunrise 56 fog
1 P.M. 79 clear
9 " 83

14 Sunrise 58 S.W. fog
1 P.M. 73 Rains
9 " 65 cloudy

15 Sunrise 63 S. Rains
1 P.M. 75 W
9 " 60

16 Sunrise 59 S. fog
1 P.M. 81 W clear
9 " 65 NW

17 Sunrise 58 fog
1 P.M. 83 S. clear
9 " 69 cloudy

{ A heavy blow fell about sunset of July 11.

* Therm. N. 1 at 90

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Thursday 18. Employed on preceding pages, in part. Weighed 150 lbs. have lost 6 or 7 pounds since I have been in Connecticut - have worked hard. This is the 3d good hay-day. Wrote to J. W. about a Note.

Friday 19. Hoeing in garden and writing. 4th good hay-day. Ther. in N. York 89.

Saturday 20. Hoeing in garden and writing. 5th pretty good hay day. A warm, sunny day.

Sylvester arrived from Cambridge in the evening. Ther. + 13 or 14 90° at New York 92°

Sunday 21. Mr. Mitchell A.M. Mr. Crastus Hopkins P.M.

From 3 to 3½ there was a very heavy shower, with much thunder. It was very dark in the meeting house - could hardly see to read. Came from N.W. and went off towards South - continued a long time.

Went to a confab. in the Unitarian Meeting House in the evening.

Monday 22. Bought Mr. Phillips 12 gallons of vinegar \$2.00. Bought some new cheese at 10¢. Paid Postage bill \$1.75. {aid Isaac Clark 2.00 which wife borrowed of him. Letter from Mr. Jenkins, Gallipolis.

Tuesday 23. Writing &c. Read yesterday and to-day "Oliver Twist." In the evening, an Anti-Slavery Lecture from Mr. Avery. A good hay day.

Wednesday 24. Writing. Mr. Levi Claffin Jr. called to see us. S. Judd Edwards wife called. Sylvester & Apphia went to S. Hadley.

Thursday 25. Writing. Arthura returned from Greenfield.

Friday 26. Brother Matthews and wife & 2 children came here - returned to E. Hampton.

The wind has been Northwesterly, but the day has been sultry, smoky and unpleasant.

18. Ther. 56° at sunrise } Clear with flying clouds
84 at 1 P.M. } Very pleasant day, -
77 at 6 " } and evening.
76 at 9 " }

Wind S.E. and S.S.E. A.M.
" S.W. and W. P.M.

19. Ther. 62° at sunrise } Some fair, some hazy.
88 at 1 P.M. } Fine day - a little haze
81 at 6 " } Evening clear.
72 at 9 " }

Wind S.S.E. and S.S.W. - A.M.
" S.W. - W. and W.N.W. - P.M.

20. Ther. 67° at sunrise } partly clear - partly cloudy
88 at 1 P.M. } in forenoon.
75 at 7 " } More cloudy P.M.
73 at 9 " } No rain here. Showers around

Wind S. and S.S.E. till 11. Then a thunder cloud passed S.W. of us, and wind was S.S.W. and S.W. Thermom. fell to 82, and rose again before 1.

Wind S.S.W. in afternoon. Evening cloudy

21. Rained in the night, & rains this morning. Clear at 6.

Ther. 70° at sunrise } mostly cloudy.
81 at 1 P.M. } Shower at 12½ from S.W.
69 at 9 " } Heavy thunder shower at 3.
from N.W.

Wind S. and S.S.W. till about noon. Vane was S.E. during first shower, and latter part of the thunder shower, - and S.S.E. & S. till night. Evening mostly cloudy.

22. Ther. 69° at sunrise } Cloudy
86 at 1 P.M. } Partly clear after 9
73 at 6 " } Shower at 12
69 at 9 " } Thunder showers P.M.

Wind at first S.S.W. changed to S. and at 10 was S. continued S. and S.S.E. till noon

Wind P.M. during showers was N.W. & N. - rest of the time S.S.E. Evening cloudy mostly

23. Ther. 68° at sunrise } mostly clear till after 12.
87° at 1 P.M. } Clouds increased.
76 at 6 " } All clear after 3.
67 at 9 " } Evening bright.

Wind at first S.E. before 9 W. N.W. next N.W. do P.M. N.E. & N.N.E. mostly.

24. Ther. 60° at sunrise } mostly clear till 6 P.M.
86 at 1 P.M. } Some thin clouds or haze.
76 at 6 " } At 6. Haze over 2/3 or more
72 at 9 " } Evening hazy.

Wind at first N. soon N.N.E. next N.E. " at 11½ S.S.W. Continued S.S.W. till night

25. Ther. 68° at sunrise } Cloudy.
77 at 1 P.M. } Rainy at 6½.
74 at 7 " } No rain after 7½
72 at 9 " } Cloudy all day & evening

Wind S.S.E. and some S. till noon. do S. mostly in afternoon.

26. Ther. 69° at sunrise } fog & clouds at first
88 at 1 P.M. } mostly clear at 8
81 at 6 " } and till towards night
71 at 9 " } A shower at 7½.

Wind at first S. next S.E. round to N.E. & N. " afternoon N. & N.N.W. till 6. After 6. N.W.

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Summary of the Temperature for June - or mean Temperature -
In N. Hampton. At Wattham -

| | | | | | |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| At Sunrise | $52^{\frac{14}{30}}$ | Average | At Sunrise | $52^{\frac{17}{30}}$ | Average |
| at 1 P.M. | $72^{\frac{22}{30}}$ | | at 2 P.M. | $71^{\frac{24}{30}}$ | |
| at 9 " " | $58^{\frac{21}{30}}$ | | at 9 " " | $59^{\frac{27}{30}}$ | |
| <hr/> | | | <hr/> | | |
| | | $61^{\frac{20}{30}}$ | | | $61^{\frac{15}{30}}$ |

Had I kept the record here through June, the mean temperature at N.H. would have been a little lower than above - not much however - say 61° -

Mean Temperature at Wattham in past years - of June, C.F.

1817, 62° = 1821, 68.26 = 1822, 66.60 = 1823, 65.73 = 1826, 67.00 = 1827, 65.60
1828, 70 = 1829, 67 --- = 1830, 66.12 = 1831, 71.65 = 1832, 63.66 = 1833, 62.08
1834, 63 = 1835, 65.16 = 1836, 59.15 = 1837, 63.83 = 1838, 69.10 = 1839, 61.45

There has not been so cold a June for many years, ^{except 1836} C.F. statement of June 1831 does not agree with that published by him in 1838]

Remarks of C.F. at Wattham - There was hardly a summer-like day in June and not a single warm night. Once the Thermometer went up to 88 , viz. June 21st, but soon fell. The vegetable kingdom is backward, but exhibits a better appearance than one would have expected. Corn is not so forward as last year & some other seasons, but its appearance in other respects is good. Potatoes & other vegetables promise well, except vines which present a sickly appearance. Thunder & lightning have been around us, but no thunder shower has occurred at Wattham. Prevalent Winds - from N.W. to N.E.

July 26. Settled with brother Matthews. He owed me for money
I had paid for him, \$125, to Isaac Clark & Interest 3.17 = 128.17
" " " " \$25, to Daniel Kingsley & Int. 11. = 25.21
" " " " 41ster at Hillyer's = 1.68
" " " a Westhampton tax = 1.10
Interest on part from July 11. to 26. = 0.22
\$156.38

He paid me as follows:-

I took from his Hartford Note, due July 11. 67.09 (see below)
He paid me cash today = 55.29
He gave me a note today = 34.00
\$156.38.

The 2 Hartford Notes due July 11. amounted to { His part - 1167.09
my part - 636.59
\$1803.68.

I took a new note of Mr. Barber, dated July 11. 1839 payable in 30 days with interest, for above sum of 1803.68 . Transferring the 67.09 from Matthews to myself - the principal of the note is now owned as follows { by Mr. Matthews 1100.00
by myself 703.68
1803.68

I gave him a certificate today that of this note against B.B. Barber, 1100 dollars of the principal belonged to him, (bro. Matthews) and the rest to me.

P.S. Let brother Matthews take back 6 dollars - so his note to me is 40 , July 26

P.S. Aug 12. Sent him by mail 60 dollars. [See Sept 18. 1839. & see below

P.S. Sept 30. Sent him a new certificate that \$1081.80 of a new note belonged to him (see Sept. 18.) and 868 dollars to me - Indorsing this, I take in Barber's note the 100 that bro. Matthews owed me, viz \$40 Note of July 26, and \$60 acct. of Aug. 12. So brother M. now owes me nothing.

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Saturday 27. Preparing some things for Rev. P. Williston in regard to early history of Easthampton.
Gave Saml. F. Phelps of N. York power of Attorney to get the dividend on my 10 Rail Road Shares. He paid me dividend \$40 - not due at N. York till Aug 5.

Sunday 28 Mr Wiley A.M.
McCauley Strong - P.M.
Mr Avery gave another Anti-Slavery Lecture in the evening.
Wrote to J. Walker Jr. at Hartford

Monday 29. Finished my papers for Mr. Williston - wrote over 2 sheets.

Tuesday 30. Writing, &c.

Wednesday 31. Wrote 4 Letters, viz - 1 to Philip Judd, New Britain
1 to Dr. Jenkins - Ohio
1 to Rev. Russell J. Judd, Patterson, N.Y.
1 to Cong. Pastor of India Parish, Conn.
2 first on business - 2 letters relative to Judds. Paid postage on 3.

Violent Hurricane in and about New Haven at 11 1/2 A.M.

July at Waltham by C.F.
Mean Temperature.
at sunrise $62\frac{23}{31}$
at 2 P.M. $83\frac{31}{31}$
at 9 " " $70\frac{31}{31}$
Average $72\frac{3}{31}$

For 20 years past the average of July has been about 71° at W.
Lowest was July 1832 - $68.0.0$
Highest " July 1838. 74.40

The heat has not been so great as in some seasons, but it has been favorable to all vegetables, and there is a prospect of abundant crops. Even vines now look thrifty. July has been remarkable for thunder showers & tempests of wind, hail & rain. It has been bad weather for gathering hay & grain. Rain fell at Waltham on 21 days, the same as in 1828. The prevalent wind at W. was S.S.W. - it was there some almost every day.

27. Ther. 59° at sunrise
 84 at 1 P.M.
 74 at 6 " "
 65 at 9 " "
Smoky, unpleasant day
No blue sky to be seen, though it is not cloudy - some haze.
Wind at first N.N.W. - next N. at $10\frac{1}{2}$ S.S.E.
do at noon N.E. - at 5 N.W. - at 7 S.W.
Evening not cloudy - but few stars visible.

28. Ther. 60° at sunrise
 81 at 1 P.M.
 76 at 6 " "
 68 at 9 " "
Smoky & thick
A little rain at 12.
P.M. partly cloudy - pretty clear

Wind at first N.N.E. next N.E. - wind to N. at 10 N.W. and a thunder shower arising - did not come here.
Wind P.M. E.S.E. - S.S.E. - after $3\frac{1}{2}$ S. till night
Evening not cloudy, but smoky & some haze

29. Ther. 66° at sunrise
 87 at 1 P.M.
 77 at 6 " "
 74 at 9 " "
Smoky, thick atmos
phere continues -
Some clouds & some sky - no blue sky.

Wind S. and S.E. till noon.

" P.M. S.S.W. till night.
Evening like the day, partly cloudy - otherwise not clear

30. Ther. 66° at sunrise
 86 at 1 P.M.
 76 at 6 " "
 72 at 9 " "
Still smoky, but sky is blue again.
Mostly clear.

Wind at first S.S.W. next S. next S.S.E. till noon

" P.M. S.S.E. - towards night S. & S.S.W.
Stars appear again with some lustre after several days & nights of smoke &c.

31. Ther. 70° at sunrise
 78 at 1 P.M.
 74 at 6 " "
 65 at 9 " "
Cloudy & smoky.
Some Rain P.M.
Heavy Shower at $4\frac{1}{2}$
Clear at 6.

Wind at first S.S.E. continued S.S.E. till the thunder shower at $4\frac{1}{2}$ - then W. & next N.W. - at 6 E.S.E. - at 7 W.
Evening more clear & pleasant than any evening for some time.

Mean Temp. at Northampton for July
At sunrise 62°
At 1 P.M. 82
At 9 " " 67
Average $70\frac{3}{3}$
Almost 2 deg. below Waltham

There was a similar difference last year in July - Waltham being there 2 deg. warmer than N.H. Then as now, the greatest difference was at 9 P.M.

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Thursday 1. Mr Storrs was buried to day - died yesterday. Has been confined with a cancer over 9 months.

Friday 2. Brother Matthews, wife, and children here. Had a walk into S. Meadow with Isaac Clark.

Saturday 3. Brother Matthews and family left us this morning.

Sunday 4. Mr Wiley all day. Mr Knowles in Town Hall at 4 1/2. Mr ---- in M. House at 6.

Monday 5. Visited L. G. Clark's India Rubber cloth factory. On Farmington History.

Tuesday 6. On same History.
Paid my Parish Tax - 12.55
discount 4 percent .57
\$12.04
My Town Tax is 26.27
not paid [Paid Feb 10. 1840]

Wednesday 7. On same History.

Thursday 8 Reading Carlyle's Miscellanies.

Friday 9 letter from Bro. Matthews. In returning from Westhampton to Lee on Monday, his wife was taken sick in Western Becket and on Tuesday she was delivered of a dead child. They are all among strangers at West Becket, 9 miles this side of Lee.

Wrote to Walker & executed Mr. Barber's note dated July 11. 1839.

Read in Carlyle, Carlyle is transcendental, and ethereal and sometimes, to me, mystical and obscure - yet he has more original ideas, more significant lines than almost any writer that I am acquainted with.

1st. Ther. 64° at sunrise } Clear - smoke gone.
77 at 1 P.M. } Fine day - cool.
68 at 6 " " } Blue sky.
58 at 9 " "

Wind at first W. N. W. - continued W. N. W. and fresh all day. Evening bright.

2. Ther. 56° at sunrise } Cloudy, mostly, all day.
77 at 1 P.M. } A little sunshine by turns.
69 at 6 " " }
64 at 9 " " } Evening partly clear.

Wind at first S. S. W. - next S. W. till noon and till 3 - then W. S. W. till night.

3. Ther. 54° at sunrise } Some fog. Mostly clear.
81° at 1 P.M. } Pleasant day.
70 at 6 " " }
59 at 9 " " } Evening clear.

Wind at first N. N. W. next N. next N. E. next N. N. W. next N. W. till noon. P.M. W. N. W. - after 5 N. E. after 6 N. W.

4. Ther. 52° at sunrise } Clear.
78 at 1 P.M. } Pleasant day.
70 at 6 " " }
60 at 9 " " } Evening bright

Wind at first N. N. W. next N. next N. N. E. at 10 N. E. at 12 E. at 1. S. at 2 S. E. at 3 1/2 S. W. and till night.

5. Ther. 58° at sunrise } Clouds & thick fog.
82 at 1 P.M. } Clear at 8, but some
64 at 7 1/2 " " } smoke & grey sky
60 at 9 " " } Day not unpleasant

Wind (after fog was gone) at 8. S. S. W. - at 9 N. N. E. next N. E. Next E. - nearly E till noon P.M. - S. E. - back to N. E. and N. N. E.

6. Ther. 54° at sunrise } Foggy.
83 at 1 P.M. } Mostly clear at 7.
74 at 6 " " } Mostly Cloudy P.M.
69 at 9 " " }

Wind at 7. E. S. E. - next S. S. E. till noon. do - P.M. at first S. and mostly S. till night. Evening mostly Cloudy & brisk S. wind.

7 There was a shower in the night.
Ther. 66° at sunrise } Clear mostly.
81 at 1 P.M. } Pleasant Day
70 at 6 " " } and evening.
61 at 9 " " }

Wind at first S. S. W. round to W. & at 10 W. N. W. continued W. N. W. till 7 then W.

8. Ther. 57° at sunrise } Cloudy all day and
76 at 1 P.M. } evening.
87 at 6 " " }
65 at 9 " " }

Wind at first N. N. E. next N. N. W. at 6 1/2 N. W. at 10 E. S. - at 11 S. till noon do - P.M. S. S. W. - towards night S.

9. Ther. 66° at sunrise } Cloudy.
78 at 1 P.M. } Began to rain at 7 3/4
67 at 1 P.M. } soon ceased.
61 at 9 " " } Mostly clear at 9 1/2
Fine day after 9 1/2

Wind at first S. next S. S. W. - at 10 1/2 W. S. W. continued W. N. W. till night. Evening bright. Cool.

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Saturday 10. Reading Carlyle.

Too cold for corn - corn is backward.

Sunday 11. Mr. Wiley A.M.

Mr. A. B. Warner (now of
Middletown N.H.) - P.M.Isaac Clark's wife here in
the evening.

Monday 12. Letter from Walker.

Wrote one to him.

Wrote to brother Matthews
and enclosed 60 dollars
in the letter. [He received it the 14th]

Tuesday 13. Preparing for

Arctura's & Apphia's
Departure for New Hamp-
shire. - Auction at Mrs. Pease.

Read some in Carlyle.

At Mr. Starkweather's in evening
with Isaac Clark. Wife of
Chauncy Clark there.

Wednesday 14. Rascilia Anderson

came from Hartford at 12.

At 1. Arctura, Apphia and
Rascilia started in the stage
with a word of baggage for
Plymouth, N.H. above
Concord, by way of Brattleboro.
Arctura will take charge
of a Female Academy at P.
and Rascilia & Apphia will
aid enough to pay their board,
and be scholars the rest of the
time.I paid Apphia's stage fare to
Brattleboro \$2.00

& let her have in money 10.00

\$12.00.

Let Arctura have in money,

goods charged to me, \$3.50 that

I am to pay to Walker - all 2.50

Cruzilla is to pay me for it. 1.50

Took Arctura's Note ... 20.00

Letter from Philip S. Judd, N. Britain.

Wrote to D. Jenkins, Ohio.

Thursday 15. Wrote to E. C. Bacon.

Ritchfield, Conn. in reply to his.

Read in Carlyle.

In the evening, the aged
Noah Webster gave a lecture
on the uses & abuses of
words & language.

Friday 16. Gave Note to Isaac

Clark \$121.50.

viz.

For note dated Jan 14. Int. 88.00

Borrowed for Arctura & Apphia 25.00

Bund of flour 12th of June last 8.50

\$121.50

Letter from brother Matthews

He & family are now at Lee - comfortable.

Saturday 17. Read Carlyle.

10. Ther. 55° at sunrise } Clear with flying clouds.

75 at 1 P.M. } Pleasant, cool day.

64 at 6 1/2 " " } Evening bright.

59 at 9 " " }

Wind at first W.S.W. next W. at 8 1/2 W.N.W.

next W. & fresh, till noon.

P.M. W. & W.N.W. till night.

11. Ther. 48° at sunrise } Clear

82 at 2 P.M. } Some crinkly clouds

69 at 6 " " } Fine day & evening.

64 at 9 " " }

Wind at first N.N.W. next S.S.E. next S. next S.S.W.

at 1 W.S.W. - at 5 1/2 S.W. till night.

12 Ther. 63° at sunrise } Cloudy -

72 at 1 P.M. } Began to rain at 7 3/4

70 at 6 " " } and continued till 11.

64 at 9 " " } P.M. Cloudy. Shower at 5 1/2

Wind at first E.S.E. next N.E. at 7 1/2 E.N.E.

at 8 S.S.E. at 10 1/2 S. - at 12 S.S.W.

at 5 N.W. and a shower from N.W. at 5 1/2

at 6 N.E. --- Evening partly clear.

13 Ther. 55° at sunrise } Clear.

75 at 1 P.M. } Some horse tail clouds

67 at 6 " " } Pleasant, cool day.

59 at 9 " " }

Wind at first N. next N.N.E. - continued

N.N.E. nearly all day.

Evening mostly clear - some haze.

14 Ther. 58° at sunrise } Cloudy.

79 at 1 P.M. } At 8 1/2 mostly Clear.

70 at 6 " " } more clouds P.M.

60 at 9 " " } sprinkling at 6.

Wind at first N. & N. till noon.

" P.M. N.N.E. till 4 1/2, then E.N.E.

" at 6 N. - at 7 N.W.

Evening mostly clear. Day has been pleasant.

15. Ther. 54° at sunrise } Clear.

78 at 1 P.M. } Thin clouds came over

66 at 6 " " } but sun shone through,

54 at 9 " " } all day - Clouds grew thicker.

Wind at first N.N.E. continued N.N.E. till

near noon then N.E. - at 1 E.N.E.

at 6 1/2 N.E. - Evening mostly clear.

16. Ther. 52° at sunrise } Mostly Cloudy all.

68 at 1 P.M. } Rained moderately

59 at 6 " " } most of the Afternoon

58 at 9 " " } - Cool - Evening rainy.

Wind at first N.N.E. and till 1 P.M.

at 1 E.N.E. - at 2 1/2 N.N.E. and till night.

A cold, disagreeable day, with rain P.M.

The wind has been North-Easterly 4 days.

17. Ther. 55° at sunrise } Cloudy

72 at 1 P.M. } Partly clear after 2 P.M.

66 at 6 " " } Evening cloudy.

60 at 9 " " }

Wind at first N.N.E. - next N. till noon

and till after 2. At 3 N.N.E. at 6 N.E.

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Sunday 18. Mr. A. B. Warner
all day.

Monday 19. Sylvester left us at
noon for Hartford & New Haven.
Wrote letters to sons.

Tuesday 20. Letter from Mr. Kerr
(w. w. of D. Jenkins) Ohio.
On Hartford History.

Wednesday 21. The Relict of Rev.
Enoch Hale, died Sunday evening
last, and was buried yesterday at W.H.
She was 85 - an excellent woman.

Wrote to E. Champion Bacon, of Litchfield
Hartford History & Carlyle.

Thursday 22. On Hartford History.
Brother Smith's wife here.
Paid Mr. Perigo 50 cents for work
in my garden when I was
absent.

Friday 23. Letter from Appleton.
They all arrived safely at Plym-
outh by way of Hanover & Oxford,
and seemed to be in good spirits.
Letter from Rev. Daniel J. Judson
of Patterson, N.Y.
Sylvester & C. Pickens arrived
from N. Haven about 1 P.M.
Brother Smith's wife here again on their
return home.

Saturday 24. Reading, most of day.
This has been Court week,
and the trial of rum-sellers
has drawn many people
to the Court House.

This has been a warm week.
- such weather was much
needed for corn, &c.

Sunday 25. Mr. ... A.M.
Mr. Clark (son of Deac. Luther Clark)
preached P.M.

18. Rained some in the night.

Ther. 81° at sunrise } Cloudy, till 2 P.M.
74 at 1 P.M. } After 2 partly clear by turns.
71 at 6 " " } Evening partly clear.
64 at 9 " " }

Wind at first N. next N.N.E. at 9 N.E.
" at 10 N.N.E. from 2 to 5 N. at 5 N.N.E.
" at 6 N.

19. Ther. 59° at sunrise } mostly clear.
82 at 1 P.M. } Most beautiful day
70 at 7 " " } and evening.
68 at 9 " " }

Wind at first N. - next N.N.E. next N.E.
at 10 E.S.E. - at 11½ S.W. - at 12 W.N.W.
at 12½ S. - at 2½ S.S.E. - at 4 S.S.W.
at 7 S.W.

Ther. 64° at sunrise } Foggy. Mostly clear at 9.
84 at 1 P.M. } Warm, pleasant day
75 at 6 " " } Evening partly cloudy.
70 at 9 " " }

Wind (when fog was off) N.N.E. - at 11 E.S.E.
at 2½ S.E. - at 5 S. till night.

21. Ther. 62° at sunrise } Clear.
86 at 1 P.M. } Warm & Pleasant.
80 at 6 " " } Evening bright.
72 at 9 " " }

Wind at first N.E. next E.N.E. next N.E. till M.
do. P.M. - S.E. - at 1 S. Continued S. and some
S.S.E. till night - Warm night

22. Ther. 68° at sunrise } Foggy. Clear at 8.
85 at 1 P.M. } Pleasant & warm.
74 at 7 " " } Partly cloudy towards
72 at 9 " " } night & in evening.

Wind (when fog was off) S.S.W. next S. next S.S.E.
next S.E. till 1 P.M. After 1 S.S.E.
next S. till night.

23. Ther. 70° at sunrise } Clouds & fog. Muggy.
85 at 1 P.M. } After nine, sun shone
72 at 6 " " } through thin clouds.
66 at 9 " " } Mostly clear after 12.
Large clouds at 3.

Wind at first S. next S.S.W. next S.S.E.
next E.S.E. next S.E. till noon
P.M. first S.E. - next S. - at 3 W.N.W. and
at 3½ N.W. and large clouds from N.W.
and some thunder. at 4½ N.N.E.
Continued N.N.E. till night. Evening bright.

24. Ther. 67° at sunrise } Cloudy & foggy.
83 at 1 P.M. } Clear at 10
76 at 6 " " } Pleasant day.
70 at 9 " " }

Wind at first S.W. next S. next S.S.E. till noon
and till after 2. About 3 S.S.W. and some
large clouds from S.S.W. next S.W.
next S.S.W. till night.
Evening mostly clear.

25. Ther. 67° at sunrise } Mostly cloudy
86 at 1 P.M. } Mostly clear after 10
74 at 6½ " " } Some clouds P.M.
68 at 9 " " } Pleasant & warm.

Wind at first S. next S.S.E. at 10½ S.W. - at 1 W.S.W.
at 2 W.N.W. and so till night
Evening mostly clear.

August

Monday 26. Various matters.

Tuesday 27. Various kinds of trading & business.

There have been now 9 days of good corn weather, & the corn crop has advanced notably. Dry & dusty.

Wednesday 28. Commencement school.

None spent from here, except Sylvester.

Settled with brother Parsons - have had of him from April 1 to this date 22 weeks - 26 lbs Butter at 20 cents per pound. — \$15.20.
64 lbs cheese — .50
\$15.70.

He had of me in Apr. \$5.00.
He received my dividend on two shares of Westhampton parsonage 13.93
So he owes me \$3.23. [Paid] 18.93

I never before paid 20 cents for butter through the Spring & Summer.
I owe a tax on parsonage shares. (See April 1, 1840)

Peninnah sick. Dr. Mattheu here 50 cts

Thursday 29. Dr. Mattheu again. 50 cts.
Took Sylvester's Note 10 dollars for money sent to C. Parkman for him April 17.
Borrowed 20th of Isaac Clark. Gave note.

Friday 30. Letter from Hall, that Hophni is sick. Preparing to go down to Hartford.
Went to Hartford - arrived there at 7½ in evening in the storin - found Hophni down with typhus fever at David Marshall's. Watched with him.

Saturday 31 Was with Hophni.

Waltham Temperatures for August
At sunrise 60 ³¹/₃₁ } Average
At 2 P.M. 78 ¹⁹/₃₁ } 68, 44 of 93
At 9 " " 66 ¹²/₃₁ }

Mean heat of August 1838. 69.16

" " of Summer of 1839. 67.31

" " of Summer of 1838. 70.85

" " of August for 20 years has varied from 63.98 in 1836 to 72.43 in 1828 - average of 20 years 68.52.

Average of the summer for 20 years from 64.25 in 1836 to 75.16 in 1825. From C.F.

1839.

26. Ther. 60° at sunrise } Clear.
84 at 1 P.M. } Some thin curly clouds
75 at 6 " " } Warm & pleasant.
71 at 9 " " }
Wind at first N.N.E. at 11 E.N.E. at 11½ S.E.
After 4 S.S.E. till night.
Evening mostly clear - some thin clouds.

27. Ther. 71° at sunrise } Cloudy.
86 at 1 P.M. } Partly clear after 8
75 at 6 " " } P.M. Clear & pleasant.
70 at 9 " " } Evening partly cloudy.
Wind at first S. next S.S.E. — at 11 W.N.W.
at 11½ W.S.W. — after 2, S.W. till night

28. Ther. 64° at sunrise } Mostly clear all day.
72 at 1 P.M. } Cool & pleasant
60 at 6½ " " }
53 at 9 " " }
Wind at first N.N.W. next N.W. next W.N.W.
till noon and till night.
Evening clear.

29. Halo around moon towards morning.
Cold night.
Ther. 46° at sunrise } Thin clouds, but sun shone
69 at 1 P.M. } through most of day.
59 at 6 " " } Clouds grew more dense
50 at 9 " " } unpleasant day

Wind at first N. next N.N.E. — next N.E. till noon.
next N. again - continued N. some N.N.E. till night. Evening mostly clear.

30. Ther. 50 at sunrise } Cloudy, & unpleasant A.M.
54 at 1 P.M. } Began to rain P.M. and
50 at 9 " " } became a severe N.E. storm with high wind.

Wind at first N. next N.N.E. fresh & cold.
" became violent towards night and in evening. It was a furious tempest on the Atlantic coast.

31. Ther. 54° at sunrise } Cloudy morning.
68 at 1 P.M. } Cleared off - cool
52 at 9 " " }

Wind - not noted.

Mean Temperature of August here.
At sunrise 59 ¹/₃₁ } Average 66 ¹¹/₃₁
At 1 P.M. 77 ²⁵/₃₁ } or 2 ²/₃₁ below Waltham.
At 9 " " 62 ⁷/₃₁ }

Most of the difference was at 9 P.M. as it was in August last year.

Mean heat of Summer of 1839 here — 66°
" " of Summer of 1838 here 69½.

At Albany (from Buel's Cultivator)

| | 1838 Aug. | 1839 Aug. | 1838 Sept. | 1839 Sept. |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Mean Temp. | 70.52 | 69.60 | 62.19 | 62.32 |
| Fair days | 23½ | 20 | 20 days | 17 days |
| Cloudy " | 7½ | 11 | 10 | 13 |
| Rain fell on " | 8 | 8 | 11 | 8 |
| " in inches | 4.91 | 1.24 | 4.4 | 2.75 |
| Wind N. | 1½ days | 4½ days | 5½ days | 3½ days |
| Do N.E. | 2½ | 1½ | 7 | 1½ |
| Do E. | 1½ | 1½ | 2 | 2 |
| Do S.E. | 8 | 7½ | 6 | 12 |
| Do S. | 4 | 3 | 4½ | 2½ |
| Do S.W. | 4 | 3 | 3½ | 3 |
| Do W. | 9 | 9 | 3½ | 5 |
| | 31 | 31 | 30 | 30 |

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I remained at Hartford from Aug. 30. to Sept 18. On the 18th of September I returned to Northampton with Hopkine, he being recovered so far as to be able to ride home in the stage. I was with him almost all the time for 18 days and 19 nights - I sat up with him 5 nights & he had other watches after arrived 5 nights. The 9 last nights I lay on the sofa with my clothes on & got up 3 or 4 times in the night. I went about the city but little, and did not go to meeting on the Sabbath days. I read several volumes while attending to him near his bedside.

My expenses.

| | |
|---|--------|
| Stage down | 2.50 |
| do. up for two | 5.00. |
| Paid old Mrs. Marshall | 1.00 |
| " Mr. Marshall | 1.00. |
| 2 chickens 78cts. 6 crackers 10c. | 88 |
| Postage 10c. Shaving 31c. | 41 |
| Beef 10c. other things 31cts. | 41 |
| Paid for medicine (Hopkine's) | 1.00. |
| | 12.20. |
| My board 2 weeks, 4 days | 5.50. |
| 6.50 - but 1 st paid as above to Mr. Marshall. | 17.70. |

I had not money to pay all, so gave Mr. Marshall note for \$5.50. ^(Paid money to him Sept 26.)
Mr. Marshall's bill for Hopkine is about 12 dollars.

I bought medicines of Wells & Co to amount of \$2.45.

The washerwoman has a bill, and Dr. Dodge & Dr. Fuller.

I suppose the company will pay these bills, but perhaps I shall pay part of them.

Thermometer. In my absence, Parkman paid some attention to the thermometer. His minutes are as follows. The situation of the instrument in the morning made the temperature at sunrise a little higher than the truth. He did not notice the wind much.

S. Sept 1. Sunrise 44° } Pleasant day
1 P.M. 83 } Cold night.
9 " 54

Friday 13. Sunrise 47° } Cold & windy
1 P.M. 82 } Many clouds.
9 " 46

M. 2 - Sunrise 46 } last night cold.
1 P.M. 78 } Day Pleasant.
9 " 64

Sat. 14. Sunrise 39° } Some white frost.
1 P.M. 66 } Clear & cool.
9 " 52

T. 3 - Sunrise 52° } Warm and
1 P.M. 83 } Pleasant.
9 " 62

Sun. 15. Sunrise 39° } Fog in morning.
1 P.M. 76 } Day partly clear.
9 " 60 } " " cloudy.
cool.

W. 4 - Sunrise 52° } Pleasant with
1 P.M. 78 } some thin clouds.
9 " 64 } night cloudy

M. 16. Sunrise 56° } many thin clouds.
1 P.M. 77 } Warmer.
9 " 62

Th. 5 - Sunrise 66° } Cloudy amorn.
1 P.M. 80 } & little rain
9 " 67 } then clear
Fine day.

Dec. 17. Sunrise 57° } Fog in morning.
1 P.M. 77 } Pleasant day.
9 " 67

F. 6 - Sunrise 60° } Warm and
1 P.M. 86 } Pleasant
9 " 67 } some curly clouds

Wed. 18. Sunrise 64° } Rainy morning
1 P.M. 75 } Some sunshine
9 " 63 } after 10.

Sat. 7 - Sunrise 64° } Warmest day
1 P.M. 86 } for some time.
9 " 72

Heavy shower with thunder about 5 from W. Shower in evening.
Wind in morning N.E. do P.M. S.E.
" at 5 & after S.W. and W.
It rained when we left Hartford, and most of the way to Suffield.

Sun. 8. Sunrise 61° } Cloudy. Wind S.
1 P.M. 68 } Evening & night
9 " 63 } Rainy.

M. 9. Sunrise 63° } Cloudy A.M.
1 P.M. 80 } Some sunshine P.M.
9 " 70 } Wind S.

The beautiful lights & coruscations in the heavens were on Tuesday evening, Sept 3. - seen far & wide. The streets were full of delighted gazers.

P. 10 - Sunrise 60° } Fair & Pleasant.
1 P.M. 76 } Wind S.W. and S.
9 " 58

W. 11. Sunrise 50° } Fair - some
1 P.M. 72 } flying clouds.
9 " 56 } Wind S. & S.W.

Th. 12 - Sunrise 47° } Fair - flying clouds.
1 P.M. 70 } Wind S. and W.
9 " 48 } Cool.

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Sunday 22. Mr. Wiley, A.M.
Mr. Root, an antislavery
agent, P.M.
In the evening Mr. Root gave an
address on slavery in the
town hall.

22. Therm. 52° at sunrise
82 at 1 P.M.
68 at 9 " " } Hazy & smoky.
but sun shone
nearly all day.

Wind at first N.N.E. soon S.S.W. at 8½ S.S.E.
next S.E. - next S.S.W. till noon and
till night, & fresh. Evening partly clear.
Very warm day for this season of the
year.

Monday 23. At 4 P.M. I and
C. Parkman went over to Hock-
anum. Every thing except
Indian corn looked green and
fresh. The forests, pastures, and
meadows seemed to have as
vivid a green as in June.
In the meadows, the broom-corn,
at one time so unpromising, had
a fine appearance; though the
seed is not in general ripe.
Many pieces stretching along 80 rods
or more, and from 9 to 10 feet high,
with the red brush all expanded,
looked rich & grand.
All the Indian corn that I saw
was out of the way of frost. There
is considerable rowen, & some were
gathering it.

23. Therm. 62° at sunrise
72 at 1 P.M.
47 at 9 " " } Clear all day &
Evening.

Wind at first W.N.W. till noon.
" P.M. - N.W. - till night

24. Therm. 38° at sunrise
73 at 1 P.M.
56 at 9 " " } Fair - flying clouds
Became cloudy at 1½
Some rain from 6 to 9.

Wind at first W.S.W. next S.S.E. till noon
" P.M. S. next S.W. till night.
Cleared off in the night.

25. Therm. 46° at sunrise
64 at 1 P.M.
54 at 9 " " } Clear. at first.
Hazy after 10, and
all cloudy before 12.
Some rain P.M.
and in evening.

Wind at first W.N.W. soon S.W. next S. till 1.
After 1, S.S.W. - next S.E. & S.S.E. till night

26. Therm. 52° at sunrise
52 at 1 P.M.
42 at 9 " " } Cloudy at first
After 10 Fair with
flying clouds.
Cloudy after 12.
Fair again after 3.

Wind at first S.W. - at 9 W.N.W. till noon
and till night - most of P.M. the
wind was brisk.
Evening bright & cold.

27. There was a white frost this
morning - some vegetables hurt, but
not much damage done.

Therm. 31½° at sunrise
66 at 1 P.M.
54 at 9 " " } Clear at first.
Thin clouds after 10.
Cloudy P.M. & windy

Wind at first S. (a south wind & the
coldest morning since May). next S.S.E.
next S.S.W. and brisk, till noon.
P.M. still S.S.W. & very strong till night
Evening cloudy & windy.

28. Therm. 40° at sunrise
56 at 1 P.M.
41 at 6 " " } Cloudy at first
All clear at 7.
Some clouds P.M.
Cool day.

Wind at first N.N.W. next N. & some N.N.E.
till noon. After 12, N.W. at 5 W.N.W.
Evening clear & cold. Prospects of snow frost.

29 - No frost - clouds prevented.

Ther. 38° at sunrise
59 at 1 P.M.
38 at 9 " " } Cloudy A.M.
Clear P.M.
Evening mostly clear.

Wind at first N.N.E. at 10½ N.E. at 1. S.S.E.
at 2. S.S.W. - at 4½ S.S.E.

Tuesday 24. Various matters.

Wednesday 25. Same. George Lyman
staying here. George Stead at night.
Wrote letters to A. Walker, Nathl.
Goodwin, Esq. & J. H. Cooke - to send
by C. Parkman.

Thursday 26. C. Parkman left us
about 11. for Hartford (& for New Haven
next week) I let him have
75 dollars, viz 30 in m. acc't. & 25 in cash.
The note to Mrs. Johnson given by
Sylvester for 100 dollars, he paid to me,
and I have paid the same to C. Park-
man, viz. 50% May 24. and 50% to day
& Sylvester's note has been taken up
and C. Parkman gave his note
to Stephen Johnson & for 100%
dated Sept. 15. 1839, with my
name as surety, as before.

Thus Parkman has had 100 doll.
viz. 50% last May & 50% now, both
in Mr. Johnson's note, which I
expect he will pay.

I have let him have besides, 160
viz. 50% in 1837. - 50% in 1838. & 60 in 1839.
In 1839 I let him have 25% in Jan'y - 10%
when I was at N. Haven; and 25% to day
as part of the 75 dollars named above.

I paid also C. Parkman's passage up from
N. Haven 3.50, & for his pantaloons
3.33, not included in the 25% had to day.
Also 4.00 interest on Note he gave May 24.

Friday 27. Various matters.

Saturday 28. Paid H. T. Hooker
the 50 dollars I had of his money, June 11.
Attended funeral of Calvin Burnell.

Sunday 29. Mr. Allen all day.
After meeting, a communication
of Mr. Wiley to the church. He
asks for a dismission.
H. T. Hooker went to meeting.

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Monday 30. Ther. 40 at sunrise } Cloudy A.M. and P.M.
63 at 1 P.M. } A little rain towards night
43 at 9. "

Wind at first N.N.E. till near noon. Wind P.M. just N.W. next W.N.W.
" after 3 P.M. N.W.E. till night. — Evening cloudy.

Leander Moody paid me \$71.46 for the children of the late David Edwards
— it being 1/8 of the sum received of E. Wm. Edwards, on a debt due to the late
Nathaniel Edwards. I am to pay this out as follows:—

To Sylvester Edwards 1/5 — \$14.29 Sent to him Feb. 3. 1840 by power of Attorney. He sent Rec.

To B. Altham Wright 1/5 — 14.29 — Left for him at Isaac Blank's Nov. 4. 1839.

To Hannah B. Hoxie 1/5 — 14.29.

To Sarah A. Bates 1/5 — 14.29. Paid it to her husband E. Bates, Feb. 3. 1840. Took Rec.

and I am to receive 1/5 till further orders from Executors of Nathl. Edwards.
I gave Moody a receipt for the above \$71.46.

[1840 May 4. I paid this 1/5 or 14.29 to Horace Wright for use of Nathl. Edwards by order of Mr. Moody.]

Wrote to brother Matthews at Lee.

October 1. It cleared off in the night, and this morning there was
a severe frost (Therm. 31°) — the first killing frost we have had
here, though in some places west & north of us, damage was
done by the frosts of Sept. 14 & 27. There is not much here for frost
to injure, except the seed of broom-corn which is not generally ripe.
There is some corn to be injured, but not much; and some broom
corn not fully out, but not much.

Trees retain their verdure, except the elms, which have been
shedding leaves for some time; but this perhaps is not the effect
of frost.

Snow fell several inches deep in the vicinity of Buffalo, Sept. 27.

and in other parts of New York. Also snow in Vermont.

Hard Times. There is much trouble in the cities for want of
money — stocks, &c. very low — some things as bad as in 1837.
but not many failures as yet. This is partly or mostly owing
to the state of things in England, where interest on the best
security has risen to 6 per cent. and from 10 to 15 per cent
is given for the use of money by some. Money matters in some
of the Southern States are very bad. Whether this gambling, spec-
ulating, race for money making, will receive any permanent
check, or only be repressed a short time, I know not; — probably the
latter.

Mean Temperature of September here — at sunrise 51 $\frac{3}{30}$ } Average
at 1 P.M. 72 $\frac{22}{30}$ } 60 $\frac{5}{30}$ —
at 9 " " 56 $\frac{20}{30}$

Mean Temperature at Waltham } Northampton below Waltham
at sunrise 51 $\frac{28}{30}$ } Average 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ } at 9 P.M. 2 deg. — and above
at 2 P.M. 71 $\frac{22}{30}$ } } at 1 P.M. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ deg.
at 9 " " 58 $\frac{18}{30}$

Past years at Waltham for September.

1826-63.46 = 1827; 60.84 = 1828; 62.70 = 1829; 56.48 = 1830; 56.86

1831; 62.00 = 1832; 59.80 = 1833; 60.00 = 1834; 61.50 = 1835; 55.00

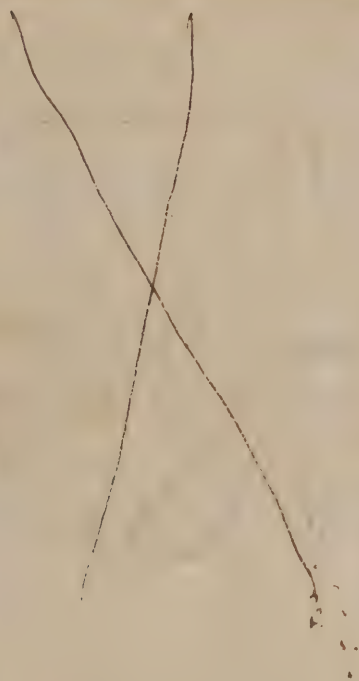
1836; 59.90 = 1837; 57.61 = 1838; 60.31 = 1839; 60.50 =

Average of the 14 years 59.77.

C.P. says September was mild & pleasant, & favorable for crops, of which
in general there is an ample supply for man & beast.
Slight frost Sept. 15 and 27. — None Sept. 14. Wind S.W. both frosty mornings.
Northerly winds noticed 29 times (from N.W. to N.E) — West Wind 11 times
Southerly Wind " 25 times (from S.W. to S.E) East Wind 7 times.

Mean Temp. at Albany 62.32. See August.

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Tuesday 1. Various matters, dug some potatoes.

1. Therm. 31° at sunrise } Severe frost. Clear.
57 at 1 P.M. }
39 at 9 " " } Some clouds towards night & in evening.

Wednesday 2. Various matters.

Wind at first N. from 9 till noon N.E. at 12 E.S.E. at 1 S.S.E. next S.S.W. and some S.W. till night.

Thursday 3. On Indian Languages.

Postage £ = for a year past I have paid postage on letters as I took them out but my postage on newspapers has not been paid, nor the 12^{cts} per quarter for the box. The bill for these for 5 quarters, viz from Oct. 1. 1838 to Jan. 1. 1840, is 3 dollars. Mr. Shepherd turns this on an old account I have against him. [See Appendix 14. 1840]

2d. Therm. 32° at sunrise } Heavy Frost
66 at 1 P.M. } Clear - some smoke
56 at 9 " " } Cloudy towards night and in evening.

Wind at first S.S.W. next S. next S.E. till noon " P.M. S. and S.E. & some S.W.

3d. Therm. 47° at sunrise } Clear.
71/2 at 1 P.M. } Partly Cloudy after till night & in evening.
58 at 9 " " }

Friday 4. On Indian Antiquities.

Some of the forest-trees begin to show the hues of autumn - the leaves having been changed by the frost.

Paid Mrs. A. Buck for milk from 1st of Aug. to Sept 29. inc. 75 cts.

Wind at first S. next S.S.E. next S.W. next W. N.W. till noon. " P.M. S.W. till night.

4th. Therm. 53° at sunrise } Clear.
64 at 1 P.M. } Pleasant day.
42 at 9 " " } Evening clear.

Wind at first W.N.W. at 8 N.N.W. next N. back to W.N.W. till noon & till 2 P.M. After 2 from N.W. to N. till night.

Saturday 5. On Indian Antiquities and gathering beans, potatoes &c.

5th. Therm. 28° at sunrise } Hard frost.
53 at 1 P.M. } Clear - not a cloud all day.
32 at 9 " " } Very Pleasant.

Sunday 6. Mr Wiley all day.

There was a meeting at the Town Hall last Sunday evening, and they appointed a committee to request Mr Wiley to withdraw his letter for a Commission and he consented to withdraw said letter. - There will be trouble again, however, I think before many months. There is considerable dissatisfaction with Mr W. in the parish - on account of his dry, intellectual preaching; his apparent want of feeling and zeal, and his remaining at home and not going among his people.

Wind at first N. next N.N.E. at 7 1/2 N.E. next N.N.E. till noon, and till 4 P.M. After 4, N.N.W. till night. Cool day. Fine sunrise & sunset today.

6th. A great Frost - ground frozen hard - severe cold for the early part of October.

Therm. 23° at sunrise } Clear
56 at 1 P.M. } Some haze P.M.
36 at 9 " " }

Wind at first N.N.E. at 9 N.E. at 10 1/2 N. at 11 1/2 S. at 12 S.W. and was from S.W. to S. till night.

Therm. 34° at sunrise } Frost. Partly Clear
66 at 1 P.M. } some haze.
52 at 9 " " } Thin clouds, P.M.

Monday 7. Letter from brother Matthew.

Rode with Wm. Clarke Jr. to see his corn &c. beyond the Silk factory.

Wind at first S. Was from S. to S.E. till noon. " P.M. mostly S.W. Evening mostly clear - some clouds.

Tuesday 8. Long talk with Elder Wright about Baptism, &c.

8th. Therm. 39° at sunrise } Clear. Thin clouds
71/5 at 1 P.M. } came on.
52 at 9 " " } All clear P.M. Warm.

Wind at first N.N.E. & continued N.N.E. all day. Fine day & evening.

Wednesday 9. Paid Dr. Mathew 75

for Doctoring Sylvester, when at home the last. In the afternoon - did what I seldom do - sat in the court house two hours to hear pleas in the case of Mrs. Slackweather's will, of Worthington. This case has occupied the court for 8 days. Several ladies were in the court house as spectators and auditors. - Paid Kingsley for Vest 33c. Wrote to Arthur & Sophia.

9. Therm. 51° at sunrise } Cloudy.
74 at 1 P.M. } Partly Clear after 9.
52 at 9 " " } More clear P.M.

Wind at first N. soon N.N.E. till 1 P.M. at 1 S.E. - after 2, S.W. and soon S. and S.E. till night. - a mild day. Evening clear.

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Thursday 10. Letter from John. H. Cooke, New Haven, about the Judland in Ohio. I wrote to David Perkins, in regard to Cooke's letter. Attended meeting of the 4 Society. Dr. Hawes preached.

Friday 11. The case of Mrs. Starkweather will come to a close to-day - having occupied the court 9 or 10 days. Said to be the longest trial ever known in the county. Jury agreed on one point & disagreed on another - no doubt the old lady was entirely unfit to make a will, and was a pliant instrument for Doct. Robert Starkweather. Commotion among the banks. Philadelphia & Baltimore banks have suspended payment. My Bank Dividend on 7 shares is 28 dollars - or 4 dollars a share - greater than preceding dividends.

Saturday 12. Bought 2 bbls of flour 7.50 and 7.25. - thinking the news of a rainy, bad harvest in England, might raise the price.

Sunday 13. Dr. Hawes of Hartford preached all day - a most excellent preacher.

Monday 14. Much talk about the Bank suspensions, the hard times, &c. The U.S. Bank, called the "regulator" of the others, has proved a great mischief maker.

Paid H. Seavel \$2.25 in full for a piece of a garden, labor in it, and milk to this date.

Tuesday 15. The Mulberry Mania, which has raged for 2 years or more, appears to be coming to a close. Trees at present will not sell at all in this region. Several mulberry speculators have failed in different places. Wrote to Sylvester.

Wednesday 16. Letter from Sylvester. He seems to be a Non-resistant. Began to have milk of Mr. Abel. Paid bro. Parsons for butter to this time.

Thursday 17. Hopkin left us this morning for Hartford. His stage fare & other things he has had amount to over 5 dollars. Letter from C. C. Parker. Letter from C. C. Parker.

10th Therm. 50° at sunrise } Foggy & Cloudy
66 at 1 P.M. }
53 at 9 " } A little rain at 10.
Wind at first S... at 11 E.S.E. at 12 E.N.E.
at 4. N.N.E. till night.
Evening clear.

11th Therm. 40° at sunrise } mostly clear
63 at 1 P.M. } Mostly cloudy at 12
45 at 9 " } Sun. shine again after 2
with clouds.
Wind at first N.N.W. soon N.N.E. at 7. E.N.E.
Varied from N.N.E. to E.N.E. till noon
P.M. mostly N.N.E. some E.N.E.
Evening some hazy - stars quite dim.

12th Therm. 42° at sunrise } Cloudy.
57 at 1 P.M. } began to rain moderately
48 at 9 " } at 12 - rained by turns till
night.
Wind at first N.N.E. till noon.
P.M. " E.S.E. - at 4 S.S.E. till night.
Evening cloudy & dark. Began to rain
at 9. Considerable rain in the night.

13th Therm. 50° } Cloudy till after 11, then partly
at 1 - 68. } clear till night. P.M. Pleasant
at 9 - 58.
Wind at first N.N.E. & till after 10 1/2. - at 1 S.S.E.
at 4 S. till night.
Evening mostly cloudy.
Rained some in the night

14th Therm. 56° at sunrise } Cloudy & warm, all day.
58 at 1 P.M. } Began to rain at 10 1/2
54 at 9 " } and continued till after 2
Wind at first N.N.E. or almost N. and continued
till after 3. Next N.E. till E.N.E. night.
Considerable rain fell to-day.

N.B. Many of the rain & snow storms which are called N.E. come when the vane points almost N. or between N.N.E. and N. as was the case to-day. Sometimes they begin with the vane N. and then incline to N.N.E.
Evening cloudy & dark.

15th Therm. 52° at sunrise } Cloudy all day.
58 at 1 P.M. } A little Rain A.M.
51 at 9 " }
Wind at first N.N.E. and continued all day.
Evening partly clear.

16th Therm. 38° at sunrise } Clear: next fog: at 9 Clear
65 at 1 P.M. } Fine day
43 at 9 " }
Wind at first N. next N.N.E. at 9 1/2 N.E. till noon.
P.M. S.S.E. till night.
Evening bright.

17th Therm. 49° at sunrise } Foggy till about 10 1/2
64 at 1 P.M. } Mostly clear after 11.
52 at 9 " } P.M. Pleasant.
Wind S.S.E. till sunset - at 6 P.M. S.S.W.
Evening partly clear.

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Friday 18. Bennet Bronson, Esq. of Watbury called at my house last evening. I called upon him to day.

Saturday 19. Reading Wm. Hall, &c.

Sunday 20. Mr. Wiley A. M.
A. H. Anger, Mr. P. M.

Monday 21. We heard by bro. Johnson this afternoon, that brother Rodney Smith of South Deerfield had another paralytic shock on Wednesday evening last; that he remained in a stupid state till this morning, when he died. He has been feeble some months, or ever since his first fit.

Tuesday 22. I and wife started for South Deerfield in the stage at 3 1/2 O'clock A.M. and arrived there before 6. A cold morning. Found the afflicted family calm, but deeply sensible of their loss. Brother Smith was every thing to his family, more especially since his wife had a turn of derangement.

In the afternoon I rode to Greenfield with Asa Edwards, and remained at brother Hall's over night. Found there Mrs. McCall & Mrs. Burt, two daughters of the late Rev. Enos Hale and a son of Mrs. McCall.

Wednesday 23. I returned to brother Smith's in the morning, partly on foot, and partly with Mrs. McCall &c.

The funeral of brother Smith was appointed at 1 P.M. but we did not go to the meeting house till after 2. Rev. Mr. Richards, prayed and preached a short sermon, and there was singing. We then walked to the grave, and the body of our deceased friend & brother was committed to the earth. The relatives then returned to the house, and took tea, and then all left but brother Johnson, myself and Ursilla.

Thursday 24. Attended some to brother Smith's affairs, and then rode home with bro. Johnson & wife. Reached home about noon.

Letter from Sylvester

18. Therm. 48 at sunrise } Foggy till 9 1/2.
69 at 1 P.M. }
56 at 9 " " }
Wind at first S.S.W. at 9 S.S.E. till noon.
" P.M. - S.E. - after 3, S.S.E. till night
Evening, moonshine, but hazy.
A halo around the moon.
Some rain towards morning.

19. Therm. 56 at sunrise } Cloudy & some rain
65 at 1 P.M. } in the morning.
58 at 9 " " } Cloudy all day. No rain
after 8.
Wind at first S.S.W. at 10 1/2 S.S.E. till night.
Evening thin clouds, but moon visible.
Wind arose about 8, and there was a strong wind all night. Great fall of leaves.

20. Therm. 36 at sunrise } Cloudy & cold.
40 at 1 P.M. } Clear after 8 1/2.
30 at 9 " " } Windy. Not a cloud.
Wind at first N. and brisk, till 1 P.M.
" after 1. N.N.E. & brisk, till night.
Evening bright.
A very cold day for October. No clouds after 9 - Sun shone bright.

21. Therm. 21 at sunrise } Clear & winter-morning
45 at 1 P.M. } Cold, pleasant day.
26 at 9 " " } No clouds.
Wind at first N. next N.N.E. next N.E.
continued N.N.E. and N.E. till noon & till night.
Wind was N.E. most of P.M.
Evening bright

22. Therm. 22 at sunrise } Mostly clear
53 at 1 P.M. } but grew more
45 at 9 " " } cloudy P.M.
A cold day.
Wind not noticed. Evening clear.

23. Therm. 31 at sunrise }
59 at 1 P.M. }
50 at 9 " " }
Wind not noticed. The day was smoky and some clouds, but the sun was visible much of the time. The evening was hazy, and there was a halo around the moon.

24. Therm. 50 at sunrise } Warm day
73 at 1 P.M. } for October.
56 at 9 " " }
Wind not noticed A.M. At 12 it was W.N.W.
Continued W.N.W. till night - brisk.
The smoke was thick all day - some fog in morning, & some clouds all day. Sun was visible at times. The most smoky of any day for a long time. It seemed to affect the eyes, but perhaps this was imagination. Evening partly clear. Wind had lessened the smoke.
Very smoky at Wattham about 3.

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Friday 25. Wrote to son Hall.

25. Therm. 36° at sunrise } Clear of clouds, but
60 at 1 P.M. } some smoky.
46 at 9 " " } Pleasant day.
Wind at first N.N.E. - after 9, N.E. and E.N.E
till noon - P.M. N.E. after 3 N.N.E.
at 5 turned opposite nearly, or S.S.E.
Evening clear.

Saturday 26. Various matters
old and new.

26. Therm. 44° at sunrise } Cloudy at first
60 at 1 P.M. } Clear most of the day
49 at 9 " " } Pleasant day
Wind at first S. next S.S.E. till noon & till night
Evening clear

Sunday 27 Mr Wiley all day

27. Therm. 48° at sunrise } Cloudy + some smoke
66 at 1 P.M. } Sun shone after 10 through
52 at 9 " " } haze & smoke, till night
Wind at first S.S.W. next S. next S.S.E. till 2
at 3 S. till night.
Evening mostly clear. A mild day.

Monday 28.

Croft & Pices. Hay is a middling
crop, or near it - price \$12 to 15.
Corn also middling - not so good
as last year - price not fixed,
but old corn is about 1 dollar.
Rye, good crop, price \$1.00.
Wheat, inferior - people get
discouraged about raising it.
Some good pieces however.
Broom Corn, fair, and consider-
able ripe seed. Price 7 to 8 cts.
Potatoes - crop better than
last year, but not up to middling.
A good supply, however. 25 to 33 cts.
Oats pretty good - price 50 cts.
Apples, scarce, - worth 50 to 100 cts.
Suck no further bring 75 cents.
Quinces as usual - price \$2.00.
Peaches were scarce - fall peaches
brought from 1.00 to 1.50 bushel.
Pumpkins & Winter squashes, abundant.
Pastures have been good, but cows
and oxen are not plenty - and
butter, cheese & beef continues
at high prices.
Pork will be plenty.

28 Therm. 47° at sunrise } Clouds & smoke till 2 P.M.
64 at 1 P.M. } Clear after 2, but
52 at 9 " " } still smoky
Wind at first S.S.E. at 7 1/2 S.S.W. - continued S.S.W
and S. all day. Evening clear.

Sent draft to Chester H. Gee, Thompson, Ohio
for \$96.51 of N.H. Bank, on Delaware & Hudson
Bank, New York.

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| A. Gouch paid his note to Gee | 75.00 |
| " Interest on do | 4.86 |
| B. Norton " for use of Gee's place | 20.00 |
| | <hr/> 99.86 |

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|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Deduct expenses, viz | |
| Jesse Lyman, charge for trouble | 2.00 |
| Advertising Gee's place &c | .86 |
| Bank charged for Draft | 49 3.35 |
| | <hr/> 96.51 |

Ant of Draft Remains
Wrote Gee about his land &c.
Jesse Lyman brought me the above sums,
which he received of Gouch & Norton.

Scarcity of money - is great
in city & country. Banks
that pay specie do not discount.
Doct. Edwin Cooke here - gave
him the notes of his that I took
up, (see May 25).
Letter from D. Jenkins, Ohio.

Tuesday 29. Letter from Apphia,
Letter from son J. Walker. He
informs me that the
New York firm with which
he is connected have failed,
and that the Hartford firm
of Andrews, Field & Franklin
have also failed. B.B.
Barber has failed and
they were on his paper as
indorsers 18,000 dollars.
They have all his property.

29. Therm. 41° at sunrise } Clear
66 at 1 P.M. } Fine bluish & flying clouds
44 at 9 " " } Fine day.
Wind at first W. during the forenoon, it went
round against the sun, to S.E. - N.E
and to N.W. -
P.M. first N.W. - at 1 W.N.W. Continued
W.N.W. and N.W. till night.
Evening clear.

Wednesday 30. Wrote to J. Walker
& enclosed Barber & Robinson's
notes, noticed Sept. 18.
Attended funeral of Col. Thos.
Forsney's wife.

30. Therm. 31° at sunrise } Clear
58 at 1 P.M. } Pleasant day
44 at 9 " " } Evening cloudy
Wind at first E.N.E. at 7 1/2 N.N.W. Continued
N.N.W. and some N.W. till noon
" P.M. mostly N.W. & N.N.W. - some N.N.E.

Thursday 31. Various matters.
At book auction in evening.
Bought nothing.

31. Therm. 40° at sunrise } Mostly cloudy.
57 at 1 P.M. } Partly Clear after 8 and
43 at 9 " " } till night & evening,
many clouds.
Wind at first N.N.E. next N. next N.N.E. till 12
P.M. - N.W. and N.N.W. till night.

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31. October has been, on the whole, a very pleasant, mild month, though there have been some cloudy & smoky days, and a few cold days. It has been a fine month for farmers to gather crops, and do other business.

There has been no storm this fall that can be called Equinoctial

Temperature of October here.

At sunrise $40^{\frac{18}{31}}$
At 1 P.M. $61^{\frac{20}{31}}$
At 9 " " $47^{\frac{17}{31}}$ } Average $49^{\frac{86}{93}}$

Waltham, C.F. says, October was unusually pleasant, & for the most part mild & dry. Fine weather to secure the latter harvest which is abundant.

Mean Temp. of October at Waltham

At sunrise $41^{\frac{5}{31}}$
At 2 P.M. $59^{\frac{4}{31}}$
At 9 " " $46^{\frac{32}{31}}$ } Average $49^{\frac{8}{93}}$
C.F. calls it, 49.00.

Mean Heat at Waltham for 15 years.

Oct 1825, 51.36 = 1826, 50.00 = 1827, 50.22
" 1828, 48.68 = 1829, 48.20 = 1830, 50.82
" 1831, 52.00 = 1832, 50.18 = 1833, 48.45
" 1834, 46.70 = 1835, 52.00 = 1836, 42.82
" 1837, 46.81 = 1838, 45.18 = 1839, 49.00

Average of Oct. for 15 years - 48.82

{ The Thermom. at Waltham Oct. 22, 1839 at sunrise was 18° - and ice an inch thick.

November 1839.

Friday 1. Arranging matters
To go to Boston. Paid Isaac
Clark \$7.25 for 66 lb flour bought Oct 12.
Son J. W. and Mr Kellogg arrived from Hartford in the evening

1. Therm. 37° at sunrise } Clear - fine sun rising.
 45 at 1 P.M. } Cloudy after 8. all day. Cold.
 39 at 9 " " }
Wind at first W.N.W. next N.N.E. next N.W. next N. till noon, and till near night. Evening cloudy.

Saturday 2. With J. Walker, &c.

2. Therm. 38° at sunrise } Cloudy all day
 44 at 1 P.M. } and evening.
 38 at 9 " " } Cold.

Sunday 3. Mr. Wiley. A.M.
A. Strenger P.M.

Wind at first N.N.E. next N. till noon.
" P.M. N.N.E. till near night.

Monday 4. J. Walker & Mr. Kellogg started for Hartford this morning. Mr. Kellogg staid at Amherst over the Sabbath, or at East Hadley. J. Walker has had hard times for some months, and his affairs are yet in an unpleasant state. He is in pretty good spirits considering how things are. Wrote to B. B. Barber.

3. Therm. 36° at sunrise } Cloudy all day.
 47 at 1 P.M. } Evening mostly Clear.
 35 at 9 " " } Cold.
Wind at first N. next N.N.E. till noon and till towards night, then N. again.

Preparing for Boston.
Wrote to bro. Samuel Hall at Cincinnati.

4. Therm. 30° at sunrise } Cloudy at first
 41 at 1 P.M. } Clear at 10.
 22 at 9 " " } Pleasant & cold
Wind at first N.N.E. next N.W. next E.N.E. till noon. Also E.N.E. till near night. Evening bright & cold.

Tuesday November 5th I started for Boston at day break - went in the stage to Worcester, and thence to Boston on the rail-road. My object was to examine the old records & papers in the state house & other depositories, & make extracts & abstracts relating to the old towns in Old Hampshire County. I was absent 12 weeks, & returned January 28, 1840.

November 1839.

Day. Peninnah attended to the Thermometer in my absence, but probably was not always accurate, and it was sometimes neglected. Her minutes follow.

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|---|---|---|----------------------------|
| Nov 5 Sunrise 19 } 1 P.M. 40 } 9 " " 40 } | In Boston Hazy clear Windy night and some rain Hazy some A.M. Pleasant cool P.M. | Nov 25 Boston Sunrise 54 - Rainy } 1 P.M. 49 - cloudy } 9 " " 28 - " } | High wind and rain |
| Nov 6 Sunrise 42 } 1 P.M. 44 } 9 " " 48 } | Rainy Cloudy | Nov 26 Sunrise 14 clear } 1 P.M. 24 " } 9 " " 22 " } | clear & cold |
| Nov 7 Sunrise 34 } 1 P.M. 48 - cloudy } 9 " " 39 " } | Hazy } Sunshine & clouds Windy | Nov 27 Sunrise 24 cloudy } 1 P.M. 34 " } 9 " " 30 " } | clear |
| 8th Sunrise 38 - cloudy } 1 P.M. 44 " } 9 " " 41 " } | clear & cold partly cloudy P.M. | Nov 28. Thanksgiving. Sunrise 22 cloudy } 1 P.M. 38 - " } 9 " " 24 clear } | mostly cloudy warmer |
| 9 - Sunrise 32 Hazy } 1 P.M. 43 " } 9 " " 35 " } | clear & cold | Nov 29 Sunrise 22 clear } 1 P.M. 32 cloudy } 9 " " 32 " } | mild partly cloudy |
| Sunday 10 - Sunrise 32 cloudy } 1 P.M. 39 " } 9 " " 33 " } | cloudy | Nov 30 Sunrise 23 clear } 1 P.M. 48 - " } 9 " " 30 cloudy } | same as 29th. |
| 11 - Sunrise 25 clear } 1 P.M. 44 " } 9 " " 28 " } | mostly clear & cold Some cloudy. | | |
| 12 - Sunrise 22 clear } 1 P.M. 44 " } 9 " " 28 " } | same as 11th | | |
| 13 - Sunrise 26 mostly cloudy } 1 P.M. 46 " } 9 " " 34 " } | same as 11th but more clouds | | |
| 14 - Sunrise 36 cloudy } 1 P.M. 42 rainy } 9 " " 46 " } | partly cloudy Some rain towards night | | |
| 15 Sunrise 54 - cloudy } 1 P.M. 56 - rainy } 9 " " 51 cloudy } | mostly cloudy Strong wind Warmer. | | |
| 16 Sunrise 36 Partly cloudy } 1 P.M. 50 clear } 9 " " 34 " } | Pleasant & warm | | |
| Sunday 17 - Sunrise 31 cloudy } 1 P.M. 50 - clear } 9 " " 41 cloudy } | Pleasant Cloudy towards night | | |
| 18 - Sunrise 36 - clear } 1 P.M. 42 - cloudy } 9 " " 36 cloudy } | cloudy & windy | | |
| 19 - Sunrise 40 - cloudy } 1 P.M. 45 " } 9 " " 36 clear } | Pleasant & cold - wind | | |
| 20 Sunrise 28 clear } 1 P.M. 39 " } 9 " " 27 cloudy } | cold & windy | | |
| 21 - Sunrise 21 clear } 1 P.M. 28 cloudy } 9 " " 21 clear } | mostly clear and cold Cloudy part of day | | |
| 22 - Sunrise 20 clear } 1 P.M. 31 " } 9 " " 20 " } | same as 21st or more clear | | |
| 23 Sunrise 14 clear } 1 P.M. 36 " } 9 " " 30 cloudy } | same as 21st or more clear. | | |
| Sunday 24 Sunrise 31 cloudy } 1 P.M. 42 " } 9 " " 31 rainy } | warm, cloudy little rain few flakes of snow fell today. | | |

No Snow in November
A pleasant month for the
most part both at
Northampton & Boston

Temperature at Northampton
At Sunrise 30⁷/₃₀ }
At 1 P.M. 41²⁵/₃₀ } average 35⁴/₉₀
At 9 " " 33²⁹/₃₀

The autumn has been mild and
agreeable at Waltham - November
less gloomy than usual but dry.

Average of November 15 years
at Waltham
1825 - 37.57; 1826, 35.59; 1827, 32.80
1828, 44.63; 1829, 37.84; 1830, 45.57
1831, 40.68; 1832, 39.65; 1833, 35.36
1834, 37.67; 1835, 37.87; 1836, 34.22
1837, 37.54; 1838, 33.00; 1839, 35.61

Average of Nov. 15 years 37.61.
Average of Autumn 1825-39 48.22
Average of do - 1838 46.16.

November 1839 at Waltham

At Sunrise 30⁵/₃₀ }
At 2 P.M. 42⁵/₃₀ } Average 35.16
At 9 " " 33⁴/₃₀ } but he has
it 35.61, though his figures
make only 35.16.

No snow in Waltham except
a slight flurry Nov. 21.

Winds noticed 63 times in 30 days, viz
N.W. and N.W. - 3 times
E. and S. - 13
S.W. and W. - 11

Cloudy Days 13¹/₂. Fair Days 16¹/₂.
Rain fell on 6 days & snow on one.

December 1839

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|----------------|--|--|--|---|
| Sunday 1st | Sunrise 32 cloudy 1 P.M. 39 " 9 " 38 " | at Boston cloudy & windy | Dec 23. Sunrise 24 1 P.M. 27 W 9 " 28 cloudy | at Boston windy and snowy with much frost |
| 2 ^d | Sunrise 40 cloudy 1 P.M. 44 clear 9 " 36 windy | cloudy wind N.E. | 24 Sunrise 24 cloudy 1 P.M. 36 W 9 " 28 " | cloudy mostly |
| 3 ^d | Sunrise 36 cloudy 1 P.M. 39 " 9 " 36 " | cloudy windy N.E. | 25 Sunrise 21 cloudy 1 P.M. 30 " 9 " 13 " | mild and pleasant |
| 4 | Sunrise 36 cloudy 1 P.M. 49 " 9 " 40 clear | transient as 3d | 26 Sunrise 11 cloudy 1 P.M. 28 W " 23 " | Pleasant |
| 5 | Sunrise 35 clear 1 P.M. 50 " 9 " 40 " | more pleasant but windy | 27 Sunrise 20 cloudy 1 P.M. 32 W 9 " 31 snowy | mostly pleasant frosty day Wind at night some rain |
| 6 | Sunrise 36 clear 1 P.M. 55 hazy 9 " 34 clear | Warm & Pleasant | 28 Sunrise 34 1 P.M. 42 W 9 " 32 cloudy | some snow rain cloudy windy night |
| 7 | Sunrise 30 cloudy 1 P.M. 48 cloudy 9 " 40 Rainy | cloudy mild | Sund 29 Sunrise 28 cloudy 1 P.M. 28 W 9 " 20 clear | mostly clear |
| Sunday 8 | Sunrise 40 rainy 1 P.M. 44 9 " 41 cloudy | Rainy gently | 30 Sunrise 12 clear 1 P.M. 14 W 9 " 13 " | clear cold windy |
| 9 | Sunrise 40 cloudy 1 P.M. 44 rainy 9 " 42 " | Rainy windy night | 31 Sunrise 10 clear 1 P.M. 17 W 9 " 2 " | cold windy |
| 10 | Sunrise 26 cloudy 1 P.M. 42 clear 9 " 28 " | mostly clear windy | <p>The first half of December was moderate or 14 days. The first snow was Dec 15 and that was a violent N.E. storm. Snow in Cambridge was 5 or 6 inches, & some rain in Boston rain dissolved nearly all the snow. In the country the snow was a foot 18 inches, and in some places 2 feet deep, and extended far and wide. On the 27th night & next day 28th Dec. there was another violent storm of snow. The last half of December was very cold, & high winds. December at Waltham First 14 days warmer than the month of Nov^r averaging 39⁷/₁₀ for mean temperature. Last 17 days mean temp. 22⁶/₅ The month at W. at sunrise 26²/₃ at 2 P.M. 34¹⁵/₃₁ at 9 " 28²⁶/₃₁ Average Temp. of 1839 - 47.09 " of 1838 46.05 Mean Temp of Dec. at W. viz 1825, 30.74; 1827, 29.33; 1828, 34.37 1830, 33.24; 1831, 15.00; 1832, 28.26 1834, 25.86; 1835, 20.44; 1836, 26.67 1837, 26.67; 1838, 23.38; 1839, 29.70 Some years not down in 1833 - 26.06 Snow storm of Dec 15 most severe and continued Dec 16. Storm of Dec 22-23 very severe Storm of Dec 27-28 most tempestuous. The month was remarkable for high winds.</p> | |
| 11 | Sunrise 28 clear 1 P.M. 36 " 9 " 34 cloudy | Pleasant | | |
| 12 | Sunrise 34 rainy 1 P.M. 40 " 9 " 38 cloudy | Rainy till Partly clear P.M. <small>little snow on hills.</small> | | |
| 13 | Sunrise 34 cloudy 1 P.M. 38 " 9 " 34 " | cold & windy | | |
| 14 | Sunrise 24 clear 1 P.M. 40 " 9 " 30 cloudy | mild some cloudy | | |
| Sunday 15 | Sunrise 28 1 P.M. 30 9 " 32 | Snow Storm wind | | |
| 16 | Sunrise 30 1 P.M. 34 9 " 29 | snowy cloudy | | |
| 17 | Sunrise 22 cloudy 1 P.M. 45 clear 9 " 10 " | unpleasant | | |
| 18 | Sunrise 2 clear 1 P.M. 23 W 9 " 6 " | mostly clear cold | | |
| 19 | Sunrise 5 below 0 clear 1 P.M. 18 W 9 " 8 above 0 cloudy | cold, clear Days - no thawing windy 20 & 21 | | |
| 20 | Sunrise 4 clear 1 P.M. 17 W 9 " 10 " | | | |
| 21 | Sunrise 3 clear 1 P.M. 26 W 9 " 6 " | | | |
| Sunday 22 | Sunrise 3 cloudy 1 P.M. 28 W 9 " 26 " | mostly cloudy wind towards night & high wind in night | | |

[The Temperature at 1 P.M. after Dec 17 was not noted here but is taken from Waltham Record.]

January 1840

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|--|--|---|--|--|
| Wednesday 1. Sunrise 6 below 0 1 P.M. 9 " " 2 below 0 } clear 2. Sunrise 12 below 0 1 P.M. 9 " " 5 above 0 } clear 3. Sunrise 8 cloudy 1 P.M. 8 " " 15 W } 4. Sunrise at 0 clear 1 P.M. 16 " " 19 W } | Boston. Jan 23. Sunrise 22 1 P.M. 9 " " 20 24. Sunrise 8 1 P.M. 9 " " 18 25. Sunrise at 0 1 P.M. 9 " " 12 Sunday 26. Sunrise 1 1 P.M. 8 cloudy 27. Sunrise 10 cloudy 1 P.M. 9 " " 12 28. Sunrise 11 1 P.M. 9 " " 18 29. Sunrise 20 1 P.M. 9 " " 32 30. Sunrise 34 1 P.M. 9 " " 36 31. Sunrise 28 1 P.M. 9 " " 34 | 13. Boston Raining at 11 all slop 36 at sunrise 110 at sunrise clear - windy Shut full off west end 110 at sunrise clear & cold fine sleighing in B. 10 at sunrise Snowed little clear before night 120 at Boston at 6 1/2 Snowed on the way most of the day. cloudy & a very little rain Wind N.W. & N.E. rained gently most of the night. Foggy & rainy day clear at 10 P.M. Wind N.W. & N.E. mostly clear Wind N.W. & N.E. Jan 13. Steam boat Lexington burnt out of Sound and 150 lives lost. | | |
| Friday 5. Sunrise 24 clear 1 P.M. 9 " " 28 6. Sunrise 24 cloudy 1 P.M. 9 " " 13 7. Sunrise at 0 clear 1 P.M. 9 " " 8 8. Sunrise 7 clear 1 P.M. 9 " " 12 9. Sunrise 2 clear 1 P.M. 9 " " 17 10. Sunrise 24 cloudy 1 P.M. 9 " " 32 11. Sunrise 30 1 P.M. 9 " " 18 | 12. Sunrise 6 1 P.M. 9 " " 1 13. Sunrise 2 below 0 1 P.M. 9 " " 16 14. Sunrise 22 1 P.M. 9 " " 28 15. Sunrise 20 1 P.M. 9 " " at 0 16. Sunrise 11 below 0 1 P.M. 9 " " 3 17. Sunrise 19 below 1 P.M. 9 " " 1 18. Sunrise 4 below 1 P.M. 9 " " 1 Sunday 19. Sunrise 6 above 1 P.M. 9 " " 30 20. Sunrise 31 1 P.M. 9 " " 24 21. Sunrise 24 1 P.M. 9 " " 24 22. Sunrise 14 1 P.M. 9 " " 18 | 12. Sunrise 6 1 P.M. 9 " " 1 13. Sunrise 2 below 0 1 P.M. 9 " " 16 14. Sunrise 22 1 P.M. 9 " " 28 15. Sunrise 20 1 P.M. 9 " " at 0 16. Sunrise 11 below 0 1 P.M. 9 " " 3 17. Sunrise 19 below 1 P.M. 9 " " 1 18. Sunrise 4 below 1 P.M. 9 " " 1 Sunday 19. Sunrise 6 above 1 P.M. 9 " " 30 20. Sunrise 31 1 P.M. 9 " " 24 21. Sunrise 24 1 P.M. 9 " " 24 22. Sunrise 14 1 P.M. 9 " " 18 | 12. Sunrise 6 1 P.M. 9 " " 1 13. Sunrise 2 below 0 1 P.M. 9 " " 16 14. Sunrise 22 1 P.M. 9 " " 28 15. Sunrise 20 1 P.M. 9 " " at 0 16. Sunrise 11 below 0 1 P.M. 9 " " 3 17. Sunrise 19 below 1 P.M. 9 " " 1 18. Sunrise 4 below 1 P.M. 9 " " 1 Sunday 19. Sunrise 6 above 1 P.M. 9 " " 30 20. Sunrise 31 1 P.M. 9 " " 24 21. Sunrise 24 1 P.M. 9 " " 24 22. Sunrise 14 1 P.M. 9 " " 18 | 12. Sunrise 6 1 P.M. 9 " " 1 13. Sunrise 2 below 0 1 P.M. 9 " " 16 14. Sunrise 22 1 P.M. 9 " " 28 15. Sunrise 20 1 P.M. 9 " " at 0 16. Sunrise 11 below 0 1 P.M. 9 " " 3 17. Sunrise 19 below 1 P.M. 9 " " 1 18. Sunrise 4 below 1 P.M. 9 " " 1 Sunday 19. Sunrise 6 above 1 P.M. 9 " " 30 20. Sunrise 31 1 P.M. 9 " " 24 21. Sunrise 24 1 P.M. 9 " " 24 22. Sunrise 14 1 P.M. 9 " " 18 |

January has been a severe winter month with a heavy mass of snow on the ground. Most of it fell in December but a large snow Jan. 22. The cold day Friday Jan. 17 Therm. at Baltimore in the morning 1 above 0 Therm. at New York 2 below 0 " at New Haven 6 " 0 " at Hartford 15 " 0 " at Pittsford Albany 22 " 0 Some thermometers in Northampton were down to 22. Worcester 12 below 0 Therm. at two P.M. I have taken from Wattham, except 3 last days. It was not noticed here at 1. Temperature at Northampton Sunrise 10 ¹²/₃₁ 2 P.M. [Wattham] 22 ¹⁸/₃₁ at 9 P.M. 15 ²/₃₁ } average 16 ¹/₃₁

Temp. at Wattham. Sunrise 11 ⁴/₃₁ 2 P.M. 22 ¹⁸/₃₁ 9 " " 15 ⁵/₃₁ } average 16 ³/₃₁

This January 2 1/2 degrees colder at Wattham than any Jan. for 20 years For 20 years January has been from 18.80 to 31.31 - Now 16.29 Wind at W. 56 observations, viz S: S.W. & S.E. 35 (West-11) N.E. and E. 5

Fair Days 16 1/2 Rain 23 Cloudy 14 1/2 Snow 29 + 30 Snow 3 inches Jan 11. 2 inches 13 & 14 " 22. 2 " 27 & 28

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Wednesday 29th. I arrived (by rail road to Wilbraham & stage from Wilbraham to N.H.) about half past 4 last afternoon, having left Boston at 7 in the morning. It snowed gently most of the day, perhaps 3 inches of snow fell. The whole region through which I came was covered with deep snow, but much less on the vicinity of Boston than in Worcester & Hampshire Counties. The Hill towns west of here say they have had 6 feet of snow this winter mostly in 3 great & violent storms, but that thawing on the under side (for there was till now no frost in the ground when the first snow came, Dec 15) and rain on top has reduced it to about 4 feet deep, in the woods where the wind did not blow it. There is probably some exaggeration in this statement, but so much snow so early in the season is a very rare occurrence. The snow was probably $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep in the hill towns on the first of January, and more than a foot has fallen since, mostly Jan. 22, but the quantity in the valley is not so great. Stages & railroad cars have been obstructed & stopped; indeed there has been but little intercourse between towns & neighborhoods for 4 weeks past.

The first great snow began in the night of Saturday Dec 14, and continued all the next day till some time in the night. Quantity called here 2 feet - probably not over 18 inches in this valley. The wind was violent & the snow was in great drifts. No mails arrived for some days. (The snow fell 16 inches deep in Baltimore Dec. 22^d & 23^d)

The second great snow in this vicinity was Friday night & Saturday Dec. 28 - estimated at 2 feet on the hills. In the valley there was some rain, & quantity of snow was less, but still a violent drifting storm, & all travelling brought to a close for 3 or 4 days.

Representatives got through to Boston on Tuesday after the storm. The third great storm was on Wednesday Jan 22 and night following - probably a foot or more in this region - in Boston perhaps 8 inches followed by a heavy rain. & this is much the largest snow there has been in Boston this winter, & the first good sleighing in the city.

The first storm Dec 15 was a destruction gale on the coast.

The second " Dec 27-28 was also a destruction gale - all rain & no snow in Boston.

There was another severe gale on the coast that did not extend into the country so much. Three destructive gales in a short time.

Demorati fired 100 guns to day because Marcus Morton is governor. They brought up a cannon from Springfield, there have been begun hid- by the dragoons.

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Thursday 30th. Rained gently most of the day, and pretty hard towards night. Some thunder & lightning near night. Wind N.N.E. and N.E. The snow has settled considerably to day. It has not been much over 3 feet on an average, or in the woods, at one time, in this valley, though the quantity fallen here since Dec 16 is probably as much as four feet - not far from that; and in the hill towns considerably more.

The years 1838 & 1839. at Waltham.

January, June, July, August were colder in 1839 than in 1838.

The other 8 months of 1839 were warmer than those of 1838.

Though the summer of 1838 was much warmer than that of 1839

yet 1839 was the warmest year, viz. 1838, 46.05, and 1839, 47.09

The only days in 1839 perfectly clear throughout were Jan. 16 & 17

Feb. 12. March 31. Oct 16 & 22, Nov 26. Dec 19. The warmest day

in 1839 was Aug. 27th - average temp. 80 degrees; the coldest day

was January 24 - average temp. 3 degrees.

The mercury in 1839 ranged from 12° below 0 to 90° above = 102°

The mercury in 1838 " " 9 " 0 to 95 " = 104°

My expenses while absent at Boston

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Stage to Worcester 1.50 | 47 meals & 20 lodgings at Mrs. Ford's in Cambridge 7.25 |
| Rail Road to Boston 1.50 | 20 meals in Boston at Restorators 2.50 |
| Carriage of Trunk & books 37 | 2 Paper books 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ quires to write on 1.50 |
| Paid Sylvester for Arithm. 50 | Paid Channey Clerk 10.00 |
| Riding to Cambridge 6 times 75 | I was at his house 60 nights and had there about 100 meals. |
| 1 Lodging at Bromp house 50 | Other expenses not noted 0.63 |
| Mr Felts book on currency 1.25 | Coming home - viz |
| Apples & Raisins & crackers 40 | Carriage of Trunk 25 |
| Postage on letters 44 | Rail Road to Wilbraham 3.45 |
| Tolls at Cambridge Bridge 20 | Stage from Wilb. to N H 1.00 |
| Washing 17 garments 1.06 | Proceeding column 9.10 |
| Shaving 14 times 25 | |
| Mending boots & umbrella 38 | |
| | |
| 9.10 | \$35.68 |

Purchased goods, viz.

| | |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Tippet for wife 1.00 | Goods 14.67 |
| 2 Table cloths 1.58 | Brought back 12.33 |
| 1 pair socks 38 | |
| 1 lb. stocking yarn 1.25 | Amount I had when I started \$62.68 |
| 32 $\frac{3}{4}$ yds Cotton at 11 cts 3.60 | |
| Muslin de laine 1.00 | |
| 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sugar 38 cts 96 | |
| 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ do 39 " 90 | |
| 6 lbs do 28 " 48 | |
| 5 lbs do 30 " 50 | |
| 6 lbs do 27 " 42 | |
| 6 lbs do lump @ 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ 75 | |
| 5 lbs Raisins 35 | |
| 2 lbs Eng. Walnuts 16 | |
| Crackers & Soap 9 | |
| 1 lb Nutmegs 1.25 | |
| | |
| 14.67 | |

Temperature of December here
First 14 days averaged 37 $\frac{23}{42}$ or 2 degrees warmer than November.
Last 17 days averaged 21 $\frac{17}{17}$
Whole of December was.
at sunrise 23 $\frac{26}{31}$
at 4 P.M. 34 $\frac{29}{32}$
at 9 " 26 $\frac{31}{31}$
} average 28.46.
Mornings & nights considerably colder than Waltham. 1 P.M. mostly taken from Waltham record, but middle of day was as warm here as there - probably warmer.

December at Waltham 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ cloudy, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ fair days.
Rain or snow fell on 10 days.

60 observations of winds, viz.

N. and N.E. 24 - N.E. and E. 17
S.W. and W. 13. S.E. and S. 6.

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Thursday 30th. I was in Boston ^{Cambridge} 83 days of which 12 were Sabbaths. I spent 5 Sabbaths in Boston, & attended meeting at several places; and 7 Sabbaths I was with Sylvester at Cambridge. I commonly attended the Orthodox meeting in Cambridge half the day, & the other half, was at the college Chapel. I was at Chauncy Clark's Thanksgiving day, and we walked that day out to Jamaica Plains in Roxbury. I spent very little time in examining the city; of the 70 working days that I was in Boston, I spent about 58 in the State House in Mr. Felt's room among the old records & papers of various kinds. Here I sat from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. without any dinner, intensely occupied. I spent the other 12 days at the Rooms of the Historical Society, Office of Clerk of Supreme Court, Boston Athenaeum; and many hours in Mr. Bancroft's Library, both in the daytime & evening; and a day or two in examining & purchasing goods. I paid no attention to the legislature - did not so much as look into their rooms, nor did I try to see the governor, or any other great or little men. I found all whose aid I wanted in the public offices, &c. very civil & obliging.

Sylvester came home on the 11th January; and grandson Albert H. has been here since Thanksgiving having come up with Hopkni. Sa ~~my~~ family consists of myself, wife, Sylvester, Pinnab & Albert. Son J. Walker has been here once this winter. He and his wife & child have been in New York most of the 2 or 3 months past; but are now in Hartford. His affairs are in a bad state & give him much trouble. Hall and Hopkni are still in the employ of that Company.

Wrote to C. Parkman today and enclosed 50 dollars, which I borrowed of Isaac Clark & gave note.

I find my merchant's debts to be as follows:-

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|--------------------|-----------|---|
| Stoddard & Hathorn | \$35. 23. | Gave Note March 10. Paid 15 April 4. All paid April 20. |
| Elijah Boies | 31. 76 | Paid at 3 times. All paid April 18 |
| Elisha Turner | 3. 53 | paid 1841. |
| John Clark | 25. 24 | Gave Note April 4. \$29.62 Paid at 4 times 22. |
| Isaac Clark | 44. 47 | Gave Note for this sum April 20 (sent April 20) |
| W. Hillyer | 10. 87 | sent Paid April 18. |
| | 151. 10 | |

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Friday 31st. Wood brought in my absence

John Bridgman 2 loads hard & 1 load before I went 316 feet, 7.41. Indorsed.
 Mr Woods. Easthampton 1 do. Pine. 22.25. settled.
 Martin Wright 1 do. Hemlock. for saw rent in 1838.
 Oren Kingsley 1 do. hard - about 90 feet - 2.10
 do. do 1 a little load + - - - - 72 do. 1.68

(Somebody 1 do. hard)

Feb. 12 Oren Kingsley 1 do. " 84 feet - 1.96 } 7.49 Indorsed.

15 do do 1 " 248 feet hard & 40 feet soft. 1.75.

18 do do 1 " " about 60 feet. 1.50. Indorsed on his note

March 13 Sherman Clark 1 " " about 2 cords (and 1 cord soft Oct. 1, 1840. 2.25. Indorsed see Dec 3, 1841)

April 4 P.S. Marsh 1 cord, sawed open, 3.33. settled.

14 Sherman Clark 1 load. 11 by 4 and a little over 2 feet long. - see Dec 3, 1841

Sept 1. P.S. Marsh 1 load. 4.8 high, 6.6 long, 4 feet thick wide = 124 feet. Indorsed

4 Sherman Clark 1 " called 117 ft. measured only 6 long 5 1/2 high 3 wide 99 ft. see Dec 3 1841

Mr Forbes record of Snow this winter

Dec. 15. heavy storm said to be 28 inches in woods

23 Snow - - - - - 1 inch

24-25 at night Snow - - - - - 1 "

27-28 at night } Snow train - heavy snow but much melted at N.H.; on the hills no rain - all snow.

Jan. 11 Snow 3 inches

13. - - do - - - - - 1 "

14 - - do - - - - - 1/2 "

22 & 23 do - - - - - 12 "

28 - - do - - - - - 2 1/2 "

Long Island Sound has been frozen over so that people have crossed at Throg's neck. Boston Harbor has been frozen over.

Albany Temperature in November. 1838 and 1839.

| 1838 | 1839 | 1838 | 1839 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| mean Temp. of Nov. 34.74. | mean Temp. of Nov. 35.95 | Wind N. 2 days. | N 4 1/2 days |
| clear days - 17 1/2 | clear days - 16 | " N.E. 1 1/2 " | N.E. 2 " |
| cloudy " - 12 1/2 | cloudy " - 12 1/2 | " E 1/2 " | E 1 " |
| Rain fell on days 6 | Rain fell " 6 | " S.E. 1 " | S.E. 1 1/2 " |
| Snow " " 3 | Snow " " 2 | " S 6 1/2 " | S. 7 " |
| | | " S.W. 4 1/2 " | S.W. 12 " |
| | | " W 1 1/2 " | W 1 1/2 " |
| | | " N.W. 13 1/2 " | N.W. 10 1/2 " |
| | | 30. | 30 |

Not a great difference in the 2 Novembers.

Prevailing winds in the same points both Nov.'s.

Albany Novembers a little warmer than those of N.H.

Amherst Temperature &c. 1838 + 1839. by Professor Snell.

| 1838 | 1839 |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Baromet. av. 29.73 | 29.73 |
| Av. Temp. at 9 & 13 49.14 | 49.81 |
| mean of Extremes 46.52 | 47.38 |
| Water & melted snow 39.8 inches | 42.83 inches |
| Fair days 262 | 265 |
| cloudy " 103 | 100 |
| Wet days 108 | 100 |
| N-NW-W. Winds 194 days | 184 days |
| SW-S-SE " 152 | 155 |
| E or N.E. " 19 | 23 |

The two years very similar
 Observations at 9 A.M. & 3 P.M. make
 the mean temperature too high.
 The mean between the highest & lowest
 points of each day is nearer right.
 2 1/2 feet of Snow fell in the winter
 of 1838-1839. 3 feet in year 1839.
 Aurora Borealis 26 times in 1839
 and very splendid Sept. 3.
 Halo about Sun 44 times in 1839
 and about the moon 5 times.
 40 were followed by foul weather in
 one or two days, or less than 3 days

At Waltham Snow was about 2 feet Jan. 31. - nearly as much as here.
 Good sleighing all W. all January. Aurora Borealis 3 times.

January at Salem - 1830 - 24.30; 1831, 21.42; 1832, 26.67
 1833, 29.48; 1834, 21.57; 1835, 25.49; 1836, 25.67; 1837, 19.85
 1838, 31.90; 1839, 24.20; 1840, 17.34; (1840 much the coldest.)

Cold days at Waltham Jan 16th

| 17th | 18th | Also Jan 1 | Jan 2 |
|--|------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Therm at sunrise 11 below 0 | 17 below 0 | 14 below 0 | +1 |
| at 2 P.M. 4 below 0 | 7 above 0 | 7 above 0 | +4 |
| at 9 " 6 below 0 | 3 below 0 | at 0. | +12 |
| same days at Brighton at 7 { 16 ft. 10 below 0 | at 12 { 16 ft. 5 | at 5 P.M. { 16 ft. 2 | |
| 17 ft. 10 " 0 | 18 " 5 | 17 " 2 | |
| 18 ft. 10 " 0 | | | |

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Saturday 1. This month commences apparently in the midst of a cold, dreary winter. The snow is still deep, though settled some by the late rain; it is probably in this valley near 2 feet deep in the woods. There has been no January thaw, no breaking up. The late rain was not sufficient to affect the streams much.

The "hard times" still continue - money is scarce and business dull. The prices of produce are lower than they have been for some years past.

Thermometer at sunrise 18° } Cloudy day. $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of snow fell.
 at 1 P.M. 37 } Wind N - N.E. - E. Evening partly clear.
 at 9 " " 32 } P.S. Snow fell 6 or 8 inches deep at New York, Baltimore &c. Lincoln & Wattham.

Sunday 2. Clear. Vane pointed to N.N.E. & smokes all inclined to N.N.E. - that is, the lower current of air was from S.S.W. in the morning. The currents agreed after 9.

Thermom. at sunrise 6 below 0. } Clear - bright sun, but quite cold.
 at 1 P.M. 21 above 0 } After 9 wind went to E.S.E. and on
 at 9 " " 10 } to S.E. and to S. In the afternoon it was mostly S.E. Evening clear.
 Mr. Wiley preached all day - seemed to be quite animated.

Monday 3. Therm. at sunrise 2° } Mostly clear - Wind at first S. next S.S.E. next S.E.
 at 1 P.M. 31 } after 11, wind changed to W.N.W. then till night.
 at 9 " " 10. } A pleasant, cold day. Evening clear.
 thawed very little - hardly any.

Wrote to day a letter to S. J. Edwards, New York, with a power of attorney to draw my rail road dividend of 4 per cent. or 40 payable Feb 5th. Wrote to Chauncey Clark, Boston. Received a letter from J. Walker & Elizabeth. Their child very sick, and they in much trouble.

Tuesday 4. Therm. at sunrise 2° below 0 } Clear - not a cloud all day. Bright sunshine.
 at $10\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. 4 above 0 } Wind N.W. and some W.N.W. all day.
 at 1 P.M. 10 " " } Never was a clearer, brighter day, yet it was
 in wind at 1 " " 8 " " } the coldest day this winter, though not the
 at $4\frac{1}{2}$ " " 4 " " } coldest morning. It was coldest only in the
 at $6\frac{1}{2}$ " " 2 below 0 } middle & latter part of day. Evening bright.
 at 9 " " 7 " 0 } P.S. At Hartford, Conn. (Goodwin's) rose only to 6 at noon. Coldest day in Worcester " " a forenoon. In this place

Wednesday 5. Therm. at sunrise 11 below 0 } Hazy, or cloudy all day - but sun visible much of the day.
 at 9 P.M. 4 " 0 } Wind W. next W.S.W. next S. next S.S.E. till noon
 at $9\frac{1}{2}$ " " 0 " " } " in P.M. from S.S.E. to S.S.W. mostly S.
 at 1 P.M. 15 above 0 } Evening hazy - some dim stars.
 at 9 " " 20 " " }

Wrote to E. C. Bacon, Litchfield in reply.

Thursday 6. Therm. at sunrise 14 } Hazy, but sun visible A.M. Mostly clear P.M.
 at 1 P.M. 37 } Wind S.S.W. next S.S.E. next S. in these
 at 9 " " 32 } points all day. Evening clear
 Thawed considerably.
 Wrote to Charles Hannum, Greenwich village.

Friday 7. Therm. at sunrise 44° } Cloudy & thawy. Clear after 10 & Pleasant
 at 1 P.M. 46 } Wind S.S.W. next S.W. next W. till noon.
 at 9 " " 29 } " P.M. mostly W. N.W. - Fine day.
 Evening clear.
 Warmest day since fore part of December

Coldest day this winter - Possibly Jan 16, 17, & 18 were one or more of them, at least colder than Feb. 4. above, but I think not. I cannot ascertain how they were at 1 or 2 o'clock in this place, but I think the thermometer was several deg. higher here than at Wattham. Taking the whole day or 24 hours, the January days were undoubtedly the coldest both here and at W.

Prof. Hitchcock's Therm. at Ag. here - Food at sunrise, Jan. 16. $17\frac{1}{2}$ below 0.
 There. Why so much difference between Amherst? " " " 17. 21 " "
 and Northampton. Some Therm. at N.H. are as } " " " 18. 7 " "
 low as Amherst. } Feb. 4. 5 - 7.5 " "

Ther. at New Haven Feb 5. at 7. was 7° below 0. Sound not navigable. Much ice on it.
 Ther. at Painesville, Ohio. Jan. 17, at sunrise 10° below 0.

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Saturday 8. Therm. at sunrise 28 } Cloudy. Some rain or drizzle. Foggy P.M.
 at 1 P.M. 41 } Wind N.N.E. next N.E. till noon & till night
 at 9 " 34 } Evening cloudy. Thawed considerably today.

Rec'd letter from S. H. Edwards, N. York. He rec'd my dividend on Rail Road shares, 40, and took \$14.29 for what I owed him (See Sept 30) and paid the rest 25.71 on a debt of Isaac Clark. Mr. Clark will pay me.

Heard blue jays today for first time.

Letter from Channery Clark, Boston.

Sunday 9. Therm. at sunrise 33 } Foggy - jays noisy. Foggy, cloudy & thawy all day.
 at 1 P.M. 42 } Wind mostly N.E. some E and some N.N.E.
 at 9 " 36 } Evening rainy.
 Mr. Mitchel Adm. Mr. Wiley P.M.
 I resumed the care of my Sabbath School Class.

Monday 10. Therm. at sunrise 36 } It rained gently most of the night - not enough
 at 1 P.M. 45 } to affect the stream much.
 at 9 " 42 } Morning cloudy and all day. Foggy toward night.
 Wind N. by afternoon round to N.E. and E.N.E.
 " P.M. E.N.E. most of P.M. - No rain,
 & cleared off in evening.
 There have been now 5 thawy days.

Tuesday 11 Therm. at sunrise 29 } mostly clear. A clear windy day.
 at 1 P.M. 32 } Wind N.N.E. next N. & brisk till noon and
 at 9 " 22 } till toward night - then N.N.E.
 Evening clear.

Wednesday 12. Therm. at sunrise 10 } Clear. Pleasant day. Hazy some at sundown.
 at 1 P.M. 38 } Wind N.E. and some E. till noon.
 at 9 " 30 } " P.M. E.S.E. - S.E. - S.S.W.
 Evening fair with flying clouds from W.

Brother Parsons here. His bill against me since Nov 5.

| | | | |
|-------------------|--------|------|-------------------------------|
| 24 1/2 lbs butter | at 20° | 4.90 | } \$8.82 - Paid this Feb. 26. |
| 9 " doz. Eggs | at 18 | 1.62 | |
| 6 lbs Cheese | at 10° | .60 | |
| 1 1/2 lbs Rolls | at 80° | 1.20 | |

Oren Kingsley here. Brought 1 peck beans, 1/2 bush. Turnips, 1 1/2 doz Eggs. Load wood.

Thursday 13. Therm. at sunrise 27 } Mostly clear. Adm. Partly cloudy P.M.
 1 P.M. 45 } Wind S.W. at 8 1/2 W.N.W. and till night
 9 " 32 } Thawy. Evening some hazy.
 Halo around the moon.

Letter from son J. Walker at Hartford. His child still sick. His affairs bad. He says he is a bankrupt. Speaks of going to farming.

He sent me up Mr. Barber's Note, & note against D.F. Robinson the same that are noticed Sept. 18. 1839, and Oct 30. 1839; & 2 more. I have now for security of Barber's Note, 3 Notes, viz

D.F. Robinson's Note for 2000 \$ } Discounting the interest, the value
 payable May 8. 1842 without interest } of this note March 11. 1840
 is ----- 1762.50

Leopold. G. Storrs Note payable in 6 years } Value March 9 } 177.86
 from March 1. 1839 - 177.86. with } 11. 1840 - say }
 annual interest, (Date June 15. 1839) } 1 year's interest. } 10.67

L. Smith's note payable in 3 years from } Value March 11. } 136.00.
 May 13. 1839 with annual interest - Indorsed } 1840 - say }
 by Danl. Buck, E. W. Bull, B. B. Barber, H. L. Porter } 10 months interest. } 6.80
 (Date June 15. 1839) \$136.00 -

[1 year's interest 8 1/2 paid July 2. 1840]
 L. " " 8.46 " May 26. 1841]

2093.83 -

This is more than is due to me & brother Matthews - but it is payable some years hence - may be lost - and I expect to have to raise the money for brother Matthews as I can & do without my own as I can, or bear loss if there is any. Under these circumstances I am not bound to pay any thing back, unless Mr. Robinson pays his note sooner than May 8. 1842. If he does, and the others prove good, I am to pay back to Mr. Barber at the rate of 3 per. ct. per annum on said note

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For winter of 1839-40
see M. 14.360.

1840. Jan 1 / 1 9 3 4.33

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|-------------|-----|----|----|--------|------------|
| 1840. Jan 2 | -4 | 12 | 7 | Mean 5 | above. |
| 16 | -11 | 4 | -6 | | 4.34 below |
| 17 | -17 | 7 | -3 | | 4.34 " |
| 18 | -14 | 7 | 0 | | 2.34 " |

The coldest day recorded in the above abstract, it will be perceived, was the 16th of December, 1835, and the lowest depression of the Mercury, January 5th of the same year.
Waltham, Feb 1, 1840.

Annexed is the table of C.F. of Waltham exhibiting the coldest days for 30 years past. I have nothing to compare it with here. Joseph Clarke seldom noticed (except a few of his last years) the state of the thermometer at noon, & hardly ever at night. His observations, when he made them, do not agree very well with those of C.F. He is usually much lower in the morning and not near so low at noon as C.F. He has not a single instance of the mercury's being below 0 at noon, whereas C.F. has many records of this kind, and one Dec. 16. 1835. when the mercury was at 15 below 0 at 2 P.M. I doubt the correctness of this; at any rate, I do not believe such a thing ever occurred at N. Hampton. I am satisfied by my comparisons with C.F. that extreme cold days are not so cold here at 12, 1 or 2 o'clock as at Waltham, though the mornings are often colder.

[At Springfield (Henry Brewster's Thermom.) the mercury was below 0 all day December 16. 1835. at 12 noon was 8° below 0. The cold increased from sunrise till 4 P.M. At Springfield the Thermometer was not again below zero all day until Feb. 6. 1835, when it was 8° below at sunrise, 2° below at 1 P.M. at 7 P.M. 10 below. Sp. Republican. Feb. 10. 1835.
Noon or 1 o'clock is colder about Boston than here. - Sunrise, generally warmer.

For the time between said payment and May 8. 1842 - that is 3 per cent per annum on the amount paid. J. Walker has given Mr Barber a writing to this effect, and the writing I gave to Mr B. (see Sept. 18) has been sent up to me.

Mr. Barber was to pay the whole of his note next month, but he failed & assigned his property. He was obliged to take notes payable some years hence, but if these are all paid I shall get some pay for trouble & delay; if they are not paid, I must lose.

P.S. Storrs' note proved to be bad.

P.S. Most of it was paid some years after. not without trouble & expense.

The weather. A man in New York 1855. Feb. noting extremely cold weather on the 10th Jan. 1810; - Feb. 14 & 15. 1817; - Jan. 24. 1821. Jan. 25. 1824; - Jan. 26. 1824 - Jan. 4. 1835. Feb. 5. 1836 - He calls Jan. 19. 1810 the "Cold Friday" -

THE LAST THIRTY YEARS. Mr Editor: The late cold weather has induced many to inquire, how it would compare with the severity of past winters. In answer to interrogatories of this kind, and for the information of such as take an interest in Meteorological details, I have judged it best to send you for publication, in the Transcript, if you regard it of sufficient importance, a summary of the coldest days in each winter, as indicated by a Thermometer whose accuracy may be relied on, that all may be able to judge for themselves the relative temperature of the different seasons. My researches extend back to the "Cold Friday" of 1810, that being generally considered the first memorable cold day of the present century. The observations were made at sunrise, two and nine P. M.

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|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|--------------|
| 1810. Jan 19 | -8 | 3 | -8 | Mean 4.34 | below. |
| 20 | -9 | 6 | -2 | | 1.67 " |
| 21 | -5 | 14 | 4 | | 4.34 above. |
| 1811. Feb 22 | -8 | 11 | 4 | | 2.34 " |
| 1812. Jan 18 | -6 | -2 | -10 | | 6 below. |
| 19 | -5 | 6 | 0 | | 0.34 above. |
| 20 | -6 | 8 | 2 | | 1.33 " |
| 21 | -1 | 7 | -2 | | 1.33 " |
| 1813. Jan 8 | -5 | 5 | -2 | | 0.67 below. |
| 30 | -11 | 9 | -3 | | 1.67 " |
| 1814. Jan 4 | -10 | 12 | 6 | | 2.61 above. |
| 31 | -5 | 5 | 0 | | 0 |
| 1815. Jan 31 | -14 | -6 | -4 | | 8 below. |
| 1816. Mar 18 | -8 | 14 | 6 | | 4 above. |
| 1817. Jan 29 | -10 | 10 | 10 | | 3.33 " |
| Feb 5 | -11 | 6 | -2 | | 2.33 below. |
| 14 | 6 | -4 | -16 | | 4.67 " |
| 15 | -16 | -8 | 9 | | 5 " |
| 1818. Jan 30 | -10 | 6 | -2 | | 3 " |
| 31 | -12 | 4 | 8 | | 0 |
| 1819. Jan 29 | -2 | 8 | 4 | | 3.34 above. |
| 1820. Jan 1 | -7 | 4 | -1 | | 1.33 below. |
| Feb 1 | -5 | 8 | 4 | | 2.34 above. |
| 1821. Jan 19 | -10 | 4 | -1 | | 2.33 below. |
| 24 | -6 | -3 | -12 | | 7 " |
| 25 | -16 | 6 | -12 | | 7.33 " |
| 1822. Jan 11 | -12 | 4 | 2 | | 2 " |
| 24 | -12 | 0 | 1 | | 3.67 " |
| 1823. Jan 13 | -6 | 6 | 2 | | 0.67 above. |
| Feb 7 | -10 | 0 | 1 | | 3 below. |
| 17 | -10 | 6 | 4 | | 0 |
| 1824. Feb 7 | -7 | 4 | 0 | | 1 below. |
| 5 | -10 | -1 | -4 | | 5 " |
| 1825. Jan 7 | -4 | 12 | 5 | | 4.34 above. |
| 23 | -6 | 4 | 2 | | 0 |
| Dec. 13 | -8 | -1 | -2 | | 3.67 below. |
| 1826. Jan 31 | 0 | -3 | -9 | | 4 " |
| Feb 1 | -17 | 0 | 6 | | 3.67 " |
| 1827. Jan 19 | -10 | 7 | -4 | | 2.33 " |
| 20 | -3 | 5 | -3 | | 0.34 " |
| 21 | -12 | 12 | 5 | | 1.67 above. |
| 1828. Jan 22 | 1 | 14 | 8 | | 7.67 " |
| 1829. Jan 3 | -5 | 1 | -7 | | 4 below. |
| 4 | -5 | 9 | -5 | | 0.33 " |
| 1830. Jan 30 | -6 | 0 | -6 | | 4 " |
| 31 | -7 | 0 | 6 | | 0.33 " |
| Feb 7 | -12 | 2 | 6 | | 1.34 below. |
| 1831. Jan 21 | -7 | 14 | 12 | | 6.34 above. |
| Dec 18 | -1 | 11 | 5 | | 5 " |
| 22 | 4 | 3 | -3 | | 1.34 " |
| 31 | -15 | 26 | 19 | | 10 " |
| 1832. Jan 26 | -1 | 6 | -5 | | 0 |
| 27 | -18 | 15 | -2 | | 1.67 below. |
| 28 | -12 | 18 | 12 | | 6 above. |
| 1833. Jan 19 | -3 | 9 | 5 | | 3.67 " |
| 26 | -8 | 27 | 17 | | 12 " |
| Mar 3 | -14 | 17 | 14 | | 5.67 " |
| 1834. Feb 8 | -8 | 22 | 10 | | 8 " |
| Dec 15 | -12 | 3 | 10 | | 0.33 " |
| 1835. Jan 4 | -18 | 3 | -16 | | 10.34 below. |
| 5 | -24 | 16 | -1 | | 3 " |
| 7 | -10 | 7 | 2 | | 0.33 " |
| Mar 1 | -7 | 18 | 3 | | 4.67 above. |
| 2 | -14 | 23 | 6 | | 5 " |
| Dec 16 | -4 | -15 | -20 | | 13 below. |
| 17 | -12 | 6 | 0 | | 2 " |
| 18 | -9 | 13 | 12 | | 5.34 above. |
| 1836. Jan 29 | -14 | 16 | 13 | | 5 " |
| Feb 2 | -12 | 2 | -5 | | 5 below. |
| 3 | -5 | 11 | -5 | | 0.34 above. |
| 5 | -10 | 9 | -1 | | 0.67 below. |
| 16 | -7 | 15 | -4 | | 1.33 above. |
| 18 | -1 | 12 | -4 | | 2.34 " |
| 19 | -16 | 21 | 4 | | 3 " |
| 1837. Jan 3 | 1 | 9 | -6 | | 1.33 " |
| 4 | -11 | 12 | 1 | | 0.67 " |
| 27 | -14 | 27 | 19 | | 10.67 " |
| Feb 13 | 13 | 6 | -1 | | 6 " |
| 18 | -5 | 12 | 2 | | 3 " |
| Mar 2 | -2 | 17 | 5 | | 6.66 " |
| 1838. Feb 17 | 3 | 10 | 5 | | 6 " |
| 27 | -9 | 23 | 14 | | 9.33 " |
| 1839. Jan 24 | -12 | 11 | 10 | | 3 " |
| Feb 5 | -6 | 17 | 6 | | 5 " |
| 7 | -10 | 20 | 17 | | 9 " |

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15. Long Island Sound has been closed for some time so that vessels could not go from New York to New Haven, Stonington, &c. Vessels had to go on the south side of the Island. The Sound is now (Saturday 15) open again, it is said & also the Delaware at Philadelphia? — The Sound was closed 19 days, viz from Jan 25 to Feb. 13. In the winter of 1835-6 the Sound was closed 6 weeks.

24. The Connecticut has been rising by the thaw, for many days, and this forenoon (Monday, 24th) the ice broke up and carried with it a pier of the great bridge, & the two reaches which rested on it; and soon after a part of the Sunderland bridge came down and carried away the two eastern reaches; thus four of the 7 reaches (or spaces between piers) are carried off and three are standing unharmed on the western side of the river. The four were the eastern ones. I went up to the bridge after dinner. The water was about 6 feet below the boards on the sides of the bridge — therefore not so high as last year by 3 or 4 feet. It had not fallen any.

Mill River rose much this afternoon, and towards night was only about a foot lower than last year at the bridge. The Connecticut is said to be partly dammed with ice towards Rock Ferry, and the high water is partly owing to this.

25. This morning Mill River had fallen about a foot, or the back water of the Connecticut.

Hockanum. To day the Connecticut made the long threatened Tuesday 25 inroad across the neck of Hockanum meadow a little west of the narrowest place, & where the neck is 25 or 30 rods wide, and in a few hours most of the river took that channel, & the water fell rapidly on the meadows & in Mill River.

Wednesday 26. To day many of our people went down to Hockanum meadow. They say the new channel is now about 30 rods wide and constantly widening, & the water flows with great velocity — goes just above the small island, and strikes against Pascommack meadow which is in danger. The old channel is almost filled with ice as it was last year, & nearly in the same place, that is, a little above the mouth of Mill River. It was this ice dam that threw the water across Hockanum, & the ground having no frost in it, a channel was soon made.

Piece of Cotton bought in Boston 32 3/4 yds at 11 cents, 39 inches wide.

It weighs 9 lbs 6 ounces — cost 38 cents a pound — 3 1/2 yards to the pound. Cheaper & better than that bought Feb. 19, 1839 — & a little cheaper than that bought Jan. 16, 39.

Weather at Amherst. Feb. 1840. ("S." in Amherst Gazette & Advertiser 6.)

Average Temperature 28.50. (at what hours?) Fall of water 2.03 — of snow 1/2 inch

Fair days 17. Cloudy 12. — N. Westerly Wind 12 days. Northerly 1. Southerly 16.

Greatest warmth 23° — 56° — Greatest cold on 5th — 14 below 0.

Mean temp. of 5 first days 7 degrees. — do of last 24 days near 33 degrees

3 1/2 feet snow fell in Dec. & January — a snowball went off in February.

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Friday 14. Therm. 26 at sunrise } Cloudy all day. Some rain in evening.
 37 at 1 P.M. } Wind N. round to N.E. and E.S.E. before noon.
 34 at 9 " " } " P.M. E.S.E. at sunset, & N.E.
 Falls heard very distinctly this morning. Crows noisy.
 Borrowed of Isaac Black yesterday \$30 & gave note.
 Paid to day for bro. Matthews note to C. G. Mower 18.50 Bro. M.
 had sent me 15 dollars - so he owes me on this \$3.50. 16
 Sold to L. P. Hyman Note against L. E. James \$12 due on the note
 Sold it for \$10. & took Hyman's note for rye flour & corn meal.

Saturday 15. Therm. 31 at sunrise } The night was rainy & windy -
 { in wind 33 at 1 P.M. } morning clear. flying clouds & windy all day.
 { out of do 36 at 1 " " } Wind W.N.W. and some N.W. all day & strong
 23 at 9 " " } Evening fair with flying clouds.

Sunday 16. Therm. 10 at sunrise } Mostly clear, some haze all day. Pleasant.
 26 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.N.E. at 10 1/2 E. at 1. S.E. at 5. S.
 26 at 9 " " } Evening hazy. Halo round the moon.

Mr Bennett of Easthampton preached all day.
 Some attention to religion. Many meetings ap-
 pointed, and a Fast on Thursday.

Monday 17. Therm. 19 at sunrise } mostly clear, some haze all day. Pleasant. Thawing.
 46 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.S.W. next S.S.E. till noon.
 28 at 9 " " } " P.M. S.W. next N.W. at 4 N.E. till night
 Evening hazy - halo round the moon. Gathering S.W.
 Wrote to son J. Walker & to brother Matthews. Tried to borrow
 money for Wright & Hoxie.

Tuesday 18. Therm. 28 at sunrise } Cloudy all day & evening.
 39 at 1 P.M. } Wind N. next almost N.N.E. till noon.
 34 at 9 " " } " P.M. N.E. and N.N.E. -
 Some drizzling or sprinkling to day.
 Sent by Judd, post rider, my note against Peter Smith
 to be renewed.

Wednesday 19. Therm. 34 at sunrise } Cloudy all day. Some fog. No rain.
 44 at 1 P.M. } Vane at first N.N.E. but smokes showed the
 38 at 9 " " } wind at S.S.W. Vane soon changed to S.W.
 next S. till noon. P.M. wind S.S.E. till night
 Evening cloudy. - Crows quite lively.
 In the evening, had a letter from son Hall stating that Charles
 W. the son of J. Walker, died about 6 o'clock this morning.
 He was 5 months old. I never saw this grandson.

Thursday 20. Therm. 39 at sunrise } Cloudy all day & evening. Much fog.
 50 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.S.E. till sundown - then S.S.W.
 43 at 9 " " } A thawing day. Snow much diminished
 for a week past. Some spots of ground seen.

Wrote to J. W.

Friday 21. Therm. 43 at sunrise } Clear all day. Fine day & bright - Evening
 { in wind 44 at 1 P.M. } Wind W.N.W. & some N.W. till 5, then N.
 { out of " 46 at 1 " " } Thawing. Snow goes fast. Waggon
 28 at 9 " " } begins to appear.

Paid Mrs Abel milk bill from Oct 16 to Feb 20 - 127 days -
 104 1/2 quarts @ 5 cents - \$5.22.

Saturday 22. Therm. 22 at sunrise } Mostly clear. Some fog on the River. White frost
 47 at 1 P.M. } ground cloudy. - Cloudy all P.M. and evening.
 37 at 9 " " } Wind N. some N.N.W. at 10 1/2 N.E. at 11 S.E.
 continued S.E. till towards night, then S.S.W. Thawing.
 Blue birds appeared here yesterday. I heard them today. This is
 several days earlier than they came last year, & 3 weeks earlier than in 1838.
 Hoxie here. Francis Pond here - I weighed 157 pounds.

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Sunday 23.

Therm. 39 at sunrise
58 at 1 P.M.
46 at 9 " "

Cloudy & foggy. Crows very noisy. Cloudy all day.
Wind S. and S.S.W. till noon, and then S.S.W. till night.
The middle of the day was warmer than any day since last October.

The snow goes very fast. Sleighing almost done.
More wagons than sleighs out to day. Evening cloudy.
Mr Welch all day. Many meetings appointed.

Monday 24.

Therm. 30 at sunrise
41 at 1 P.M.
28 at 9 " "

Mostly Clear - Next Hazy till noon; P.M. very clear.
Wind W. N.W. and N.W. all day.
Thawed some - Heard crows, jays, & blue birds.

Fresher - $\frac{1}{4}$ of Great Bridge carried off.
I spent much of the day visiting the water. See 2 pages back.

Tuesday 25.

Therm. 24° at sunrise
38 at 1 P.M.
22 at 9 " "

Cloudy. Snowed from 7 to 10, from W. over $\frac{1}{2}$ inch fell. All melted P.M.
Afternoon partly clear. All clear at 4.
Wind at first N.E. soon changed to W. at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ S.S.W.
" P.M. S. and S.S.E. till after 4. At 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. N.W.

Evening clear.
Report this evening that Connecticut River has worn a passage through Hockanum meadow to day.

Wednesday 26.

Therm. 23 at sunrise
42 at 1 P.M.
34 at 9 " "

Cloudy most of the day. Sun visible at times.
Wind S.S.E. till 4 P.M. then N.E. till night
Evening partly clear.

Sent a note against late sale bond to the Commissioners on his estate - due on it 17.28. March 1. 1840.

Sylvester delivers a lecture this evening on Northampton History which he knows little about.

Thursday 27

Therm. 34 at sunrise
39 at 1 P.M.
33 at 9 " "

Cloudy all day. Unpleasant.
Wind N. and some N.W. all day.
Evening cloudy.

Went down with Sylvester to see the River and the breach at Hockanum. Found the River covered with broken masses of ice at the lower end of Middle Meadow & farther down, nearly half a mile - nearly in the place where the piles of ice were last year. The appearance resembled that of last year, but was not half as splendid. We attempted to cross the River on the pieces of ice and went about half way over, when we found that some pieces were loose, & settling down when stepped upon, so we returned. We did not therefore go to the breach or new channel, but could easily look through it from Middle Meadow. It makes bad work for the Hockanum & Hadam people, taking away some of their land & reducing the value of all that is cut off by the new channel. The Northampton people are almost all rejoicing at the event - which is the effect of their selfishness. The lower end of Middle Meadow is covered with broken ice, but the ice does not cover half as much of the meadow as last year & it is not piled up half as high. Two long pieces of the Northampton Bridge are on the Hockanum side near the Ferry, and another long piece is among the ice close by middle meadow. Another piece, said to be near Fort River in Hadley. The cut through Hockanum is just above the ice-dam - seems to be narrow as yet. I should not judge it was much over 20 rods wide the upper side, but is wider the lower side. The River as yet turns into this channel at right angles, and seems to strike directly against Pascommuck meadow, but does not, for it turns easterly.

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Friday 28

Therm. 33° at sunrise
39 at 1 P.M.
42 at 9 " "

Cloudy all day. Evening partly clear.
Wind S.W. next S.S.E. next S. till noon.
" mostly S. till night

Wrote to Chester H. Gee, Thompson, Ohio, & enclosed a deed for him & other heirs of Ebenzer Gee, to sign - Deed of land to Madden B. Gough.

Letter from C. Parkman - "confidential."

In afternoon rode with Mr Hawley to Hockanum, and then walked down to the new cut or channel, about half a mile below the road, & about 20 or 30 rods below the narrowest place on the neck of the meadow. The River appears to be only 25 or 30 rods wide, on the upper part of the new channel, but much wider on the lower part. The meadow was apparently about 30 rods wide where the river wore through. It was ploughed land. The water at the greatest height was about 12 or 18 inches lower than it was last year at Hockanum.

Saturday 29.

Therm. 36 at sunrise
45 at 1 P.M.
34 at 9 " "

Clear. Very fine day. Deep azure sky.
Wind N.N.W. next N.N.E. next N.E. till noon.
Do. P.M. N.N.W. next W.N.W. till night
Evening bright.

Wrote to C. Parkman in reply to his "confidential."

Borrowed \$10 more of Isaac Clark

Paid 2 dollars to Sylvester for some matters.

Bees out - have been out some before.

Mean Temperature of February at Northampton

At sunrise 23 ²⁶/₂₉
At 1 P.M. 37 ²³/₂₉
At 9 " " 28 ²⁰/₂₉

Average 30 ¹¹/₂₇

First 5 days, average 9 ¹³/₁₅
Last 24 days, average 34 ⁴/₉

February was a mild month - remarkably so, except the first 5 days, which were very severe.

Closing & Opening of the Hudson at Albany

| Closed. | Opened | Days closed |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1817-18 - Dec. 7. | March 25. | 108 |
| 1818-19 - Dec. 14. | April 3 | 110 |
| 1819-20 - Dec. 13. | March 25 | 102 |
| 1820-21 - Nov. 13. | March 15 | 123 |
| 1821-22 - Dec. 13. | March 15. | 92 |
| 1822-23 - Dec. 24 | March 24 | 90 |
| 1823-24 - Dec 16 | March 3 | 78 |
| 1824-25 - Jan 5 | March 6 | 60 |
| 1825-26 - Dec 13 | Feb. 26 | 75 |
| 1826-27 - Dec 24 | March 20 | 86 |
| 1827-28 - Nov. 25. | Feb 8 | 50 (error) |
| 1828-29 - Dec 23 | April 1 | 100 |
| 1829-30 - Jan 11. | March 15 | 63 |
| 1830-31 - Dec 23. | March 15 | 82 |
| 1831-32 - Dec 5 | March 25 | 111 |
| 1832-33 - Dec 21 | March 21 | 88 error |
| 1833-34 - Dec 13 | Feb 24 | 73 |
| 1834-35 - Dec 15 | March 25 | 100 |
| 1835-36 - Nov 30. | April 4. | 125 |
| 1836-37 - Dec. 7 | March 28. | 111 |
| 1837-38 - Dec. 14 | March 19 | 94 |
| 1838-39 - Nov 25 | March 24. | 116 |
| 1839-40 - Dec. 18. | Feb 21 | 65 |

Albany Argus.

[See Feb 27 - 1845]

24th Feb 1840 River open to Albany. It is sometimes open at Albany before it is from N. York to Albany

P.S. 1840 - 42

closed 65 days

6 days of ice - 125 days.

February at Wattham.

At Sunrise 27 ¹⁰/₂₉
At 2 P.M. 37 ¹⁷/₂₉
At 9 " " 29 ²⁰/₂₉
Average here 31 ¹⁰/₂₉
His figures make average 31 ⁴⁷/₈₇

C.F. makes no below 0. the first week in Feb. morning of Feb 2. Therm was 4. Feb 3 it was 4 and Feb 4. 1 above 0. Feb 5. 13 above 0.
Can this be right? Feb 4 was 1 at sunrise 5 at 2 o'clock. 0 at 9 o'clock.
Feb. last year was 26.45.

February was mild & agreeable except 5 first days; some days as warm as April, and spring birds appeared. Feb. 23 was warmest day in that month since Feb 24. 1810. Now Therm. went up to 62; in 1810, up to 66. February 1828 was 36 deg. which is the only Feb. in 40 years milder than Feb. 1840.

Mean Temp. of 3 winter months 25.69
Do Do 3 Do. 1838-39 24.81

Snow all disappeared at N. before March 1. and roads were mostly settled & dry. Snow nearly all gone Feb. 20.

More windy days at W. than at N.H.

Cloudy days 15. Fair 14 at both W. & N.H.

Wind observations at W. S.W. 17. N.W. 14. W 5

(This is not worth much.) W.E. 12. N.E. 3. E.S. 5. S.E. 1.

At N.H. the wind was N 2 days. N.W. 6 days. W. 2 days. W.E. 6 days. S.E. 6 days. S 3 days. E 1 day. S.W. 4 days. (This not accurate.)

March 1840

Sunday 1.

Therm. 35 at sunrise } Cloudy all day
42 at 1 P.M. } Wind E. N.E. and E. all day - mostly E.
34 at 9 " " } Some rain & thunder in the evening.

Mr Wiley all day. Dry walking to the meeting house.
Little or no frost in the ground.

Monday 2.

Therm. 34 at sunrise } Foggy and cloudy. Clear at 11 1/2 & till night.
52 at 1 P.M. } Wind S. next S.E. next N.E. till noon
57 at 2 1/2 " " } " P.M. E & S.E. - next N.N.E.
34 at 9 " " } Evening clear.

Black birds appeared to-day.

Paid Perigo \$5 for cutting & splitting about 6 cords of 4 ft
wood in my absence - an outrageous price - the highest
I ever paid. It was only cut off once & some of it split.

To-day has been a May day. Oliver Warner took his old Tavern Stand.

Tuesday 3.

Sylvester started for Cambridge this morning, by way
of Wilbraham & Rail Road. I sent by him a letter to
President Quincy, and another to Chauncey Clark.
Sylvester has been at home since January 11th.

Therm. 31° at sunrise } White frost. Cloudy all day. Some rain in afternoon.
49 at 1 P.M. } Evening very dark.
42 at 9 " " } Wind at first N.N.E. before 11 turned to S. and
towards night, S.S.E.

Heard 3 or 4 kinds of spring birds this morning.

Alfred Judd returned Note against Perez and George L. Smith
renewed. Old note was \$103.38 dated March 3rd 1834, and 6 years
interest was $6\frac{20}{100} \times 6 = 37.20$. making principal & interest 140.58
and this is the amount of the new note, dated Feb 21. 1840. I owe
Smiths for 10 or 11 days interest, the new note being dated so much
short of the 6 years.

Wrote to brother Matthews. He is about to return to Westhampton.

Wednesday 4.

The birds are very noisy this morning - the crows make
the loudest noise. Heard Robins this morning for first time.
The grass has started around buildings & looks green.
The ground not having been frozen, the fields appear more
green than usual. The snow is mostly gone in this valley
though many patches remain, & black birds much swelled.

Therm. 37 at sunrise } Foggy & cloudy at first. Next hazy till noon. Sun visible part of time.
62 at 1 P.M. } Afternoon some hazy. Sun shone most of the time.
56 at 5 1/2 " " } Wind S. next S.S.E. till noon and till night.
47 at 9 " " } Evening partly cloudy - some rain - some lightning.

Warmest day this year. - Extraordinary day for 4th of March.

Attended Auger's auction. Pension old y. Old soldiers out.

Wrote to Hall & J.W. Sent letters to Mr. Eustis to carry to Hartford
Enclosed to Hall Note vs. L.G. Storrs, to get interest.

Thursday 5.

Therm. 42 at sunrise } Partly Clear. Soon nearly all cloudy till 1.
40 at 1 P.M. } After 2 Clear till night. Fine Sunset.
32 at 9 " " } Wind W.N.W. soon N.W. till noon & till night
Evening bright & windy.

A windy March day. Meeting of Abolition Executive Committee

Friday 6.

Therm. 31 at sunrise } Clear, & pleasant, but windy.
52 at 1 P.M. } Wind W.N.W. next W. next S.W. next W.N.W. till
40 at 9 " " } noon and till night.
Evening bright and windy.

Wrote to Apphia. John & Irene Smith here to-day & night.

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Saturday 7.

Therm. 34° at sunrise
35 at 1 P.M.
15 at 9 " "

Fine sunrise. Clear. Aft. 9 clouds & high winds and some snow squalls. After 2 more clear but blustering. Wind, W.S.W. next S.W. next W.N.W. till noon & night. A very unpleasant day. Violent wind. Evening clear & cold & windy.

Sunday 8.

Therm. 7 at sunrise
30 at 1 P.M.
29 at 9 " "

Clear - fine sunrise. Birds sung in spite of the cold. Some bristly clouds. Mostly clear all day. Wind, N.N.W. - at 8 went round to S.S.E. at 10 S.W. at 1 S.S.W. till sunset, then S. Evening clear and brisk S. wind.

To day has been a cold unpleasant day. Dr. Esq. Good of Springfield preached all day. Many meetings appointed in weeks past.

Monday 9.

Therm. 31° at sunrise
44 at 1 P.M.
36 at 9 " "

Cloudy. Snowed large flakes from 10 to 11 & melted. Cloudy till 2. Mostly clear at 2 & till night. Wind, S.S.E. next S.S.W. till noon. Next S.S.E. next S. next N.N.W. till night. Evening partly clear.

Tuesday 10.

Therm. 33 at sunrise
43 at 1 P.M.
23 at 9 " "

Cloudy. Began to snow at 7, ceased at 8 - all soon melted. Cloudy till 9 in evening, then mostly clear. Wind S. next S.S.W. till noon and till 3 P.M. After 3, N.W. and brisk till night.

George Smith here last night and to day. Went with him to South Hadley, on affairs relating to his father's estate. Called at Emerson Bates an old Stickney place. Considerable snow to be seen on Western Hills. Not much on Eastern. Laura Dwight here in evening.

Wednesday 11.

Therm. 14° at sunrise
in wind 23 } at 1 P.M.
out of " 26 }
17 at 9 " "

Clear & no clouds, or very few, all day - very cold. Wind N.W. all day, & brisk & piercing. Evening very bright. Stars brilliant.

Therm. at Albany 10° sunrise.

Thursday 12

Therm. 22° at sunrise
35 at 1 P.M.
23 at 9 " "

Cloudy all day till 5. After 5 mostly clear. Wind W.S.W. next W. next W.N.W. till noon and till 4. After 4 W.S.W. till night. Evening partly clear - some hazy. Halo about the Moon. Letter from Sylvester.

Friday 13.

Therm. 19° at sunrise
38 at 1 P.M.
28 at 9 " "

Cloudy - next hazy but Sun visible till noon. Afternoon more clear - towards night all clear. Wind N.N.E. next N. till noon. " P.M. N.N.E. next N.W. towards night. Evening 1/2 clear, 1/2 cloudy.

Politics run high. The Democrats meet to night to organize an association. The Whigs have gone to Hadley to attend a meeting there this evening, and there is to be a great whig meeting here next week. I attend none of these meetings. The Whigs think they can elect Harrison President and their exertions are unbounded. Though the hard times & some other things are favorable to them yet I think they will be defeated.

Saturday 14.

Thermometer 28 at sunrise
38 at 1 P.M.
22 at 9 " "

Fine morning. Clear all day - rather windy. Wind W.N.W. next N.W. till noon & night. Evening clear mostly. Gathering in S.W.

Letter from President Quincy.

The weather has been so cold 8 days past, that the birds have been pretty still, though some are heard every day.

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Sunday 15 } Sun rose clear & went behind a cloud. Cloudy.
Therm. 19° at sunrise } Snowed gently from 10½ to 3. about ¾ of an inch.
310 at 1 P.M. } Wind S. by Vane, N. by smoke. At 7½ wind E.S.E. next E.
30 at 9" " } next N.E. till 1 and till night. Good day.
Heard meadow larks this morning. Evening cloudy.
Mr Wiley preached A.M. Pres. Humphrey P.M.

Monday 16. } Fine morning. Clear. Ground covered with yesterday's snow.
Therm. 22° at sunrise } Snow gone before 12. Very Pleasant day.
46 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.N.W. — at 9½ E.N.E. — at 12 W. at 1 N.W.
29 at 9" " } continued N.W. and W.N.W. till night.
Gathering in S.W. at sunset. Hazy some at 9 and
a halo around the moon.
Town meeting today. I did not go near them.
Brother Matthews & family arrived at Westhampton on
Thursday last. He is here to-day.

Tuesday 17 } Cloudy. Snow began at 10½ & continued till 3. About
Therm. 31° at sunrise } 2 or 2½ inches snow fell, in large flakes and moist.
36 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.E. next N.N.E. till noon.
33 at 9" " } " P.M. N. till night
Evening partly clear.

Wednesday 18. } Foggy. Clear at 9½. After 2 Cloudy
Therm. 22° at sunrise } Evening cloudy.
45 at 1 P.M. } Wind at 9 S.S.E. next S till noon and till night:
37 at 9" " }
Some sleighs out this morning. Most of the snow went off to-day.
Wrote a will for Joel Rust — he owes me 6¢. [Paid]

Thursday 19. } Fog and Clouds. Clear at 10. Cloudy after 12 till night.
Therm. 32° at sunrise } Evening Rainy.
53 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.N.E. next N.E. till noon.
36 at 9" " } " P.M. S.E. and some E.S.E. till night.
Had sister Smith today ½ a pig 108 pounds — not paid for.
made only 40 lbs shear pork and 10 lbs rough tallow.

Friday 20. Rained considerably last night.
Therm. 37° at sunrise } Cloudy. some drizzle A.M. Cloudy P.M. & Evening.
46 at 1 P.M. }
41 at 9" " } Wind N.N.E. till noon; at 12 E. at 1½ S. next S.W.
till night

Saturday 21. } Partly Clear. Clear after 9 till night, & in Evening
Therm. 38 at sunrise }
in wind 40 } at 1 P.M. } Wind W.N.W. & some N.W. all day.
out of " 43 }
29 at 9" " }
Had letter from Hall inclosing 20 dollars, viz \$10 by his interest on
L.G. Storrs note 1 year (due Feb 15) and \$9.33. indorsed on Hall's note to me dated
July 1. 1839. (See July 17. 1839)

Sunday 22. } Clear, windy & cold. Hardly a cloud. Some Haze S.W.
Therm. 22° at sunrise } at sunset and in evening.
36 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.W. next N.N.W. — in these points all day.
28 at 9" " } Evening mostly clear.
Mr. Wiley all day. Wrote to Sylvester & C. Clark in evening.

Monday 23 } Cloudy all day and evening.
Therm. 26° at sunrise }
40 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.N.E. at 10 N.E. at 2 E. at 4 S.E. next E.S.E.
32 at 9 P.M. }
Wrote to Hall. Received packet from Mr. Bacon, Litchfield.

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Tuesday 24

Therm. 32° at sunrise } Began to snow at 6 and continued gently all day & evening.
36 at 1 P.M. } About 3 inches gathered. Evening windy & snow flying.
26 at 9 " " } Wind E. soon N.E. and continued N.E. or near it all day.
P.S. Snow fell 6 or 8 inches at Detroit, Michigan.

Jesse Lyman paid me 24 dollars interest money for Warham Kingsley.

Wednesday 25.

Winter morning. Snow that fell yesterday & last night much drifted. Perhaps 4 inches of snow on the ground or 3½. Probably a severe storm on the Hills & much snow. P.S. ~~Next~~ a foot of snow about Albany

Therm. 26° at sunrise } Cloudy. Mostly clear at 12. Curly & mackerel back clouds
40 at 1 P.M. } came on & continued till night.
21 at 9 " " } Wind N. till noon. At 12 N.N.E. next N. till night
Evening clear.

The great Harrison Convention met here to-day and filled the old meeting house full, - probably 200 or people here including those present from this town. They had speeches in the meeting house for about 6 hours in succession. They came in with considerable parade, among their other follies, they had a log hut erected in front of the meeting house, and the processions, as they arrived, marched through it. Also a log house filled with men was drawn in on wheels from the Factory village. Flags, mottoes, & handbills written (on cloth) in large letters were in various places. The Town Hall had a great abundance of provisions contributed by the whigs of this town for the out of town folks, and the Hall was decorated with various things.

It was hurrah, show & nonsense; an attempt to imitate the Jackson men among the ignorant population of the cities and of the west. Their speeches, I did not hear. Most of the people came in sleighs; and the greater part of the snow remained at night, though it thawed considerably for 2 or 3 hours. Brothers Parsons & Matthews & Irene and George Smith were here at dinner or supper.

Thus ended the hurrah convention.

Thursday 26

Therm. 12° at Sunrise } Clear. Winter morning. Pleasant day but cool.
38 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.N.E. & some N.E. till noon. P.M. W. & N.W. till night
24 at 9 " " } Evening clear. Some sleighs about to-day.

Paid debt to day } Doct. Mather's bill \$1.25. Levake shoe bill 1.82. Sacket 57

Phibbs Wright, spinning, \$1.25. Mr. Turner for Evangelist 2.00. Apples in fall 42. 1/2

Atwill for abolition advertising Oct. 1839 2.00. Mr Powers salary 12 & 10.

Brother Parsons (yesterday) for butter 3.00. Total paid \$44.25

(Doct Mather's bill, 10.50 of it was for filling Peninnah's teeth!! This was done in my absence. - Also paid 1 dollar for Sylvester's stage fare to Wilbraham, which he did not pay. (paid

Friday 27

The snow that fell on Tuesday still covers most of the ground - Cloudy.

Therm. 28° at sunrise } Wind S.E. } Clouds going thin & sun shore through.
52 at 1 P.M. } next S. till noon } Hail around the sun. A.M.
42 at 9 " " } and till night } Sun shone by turns P.M. but it was mostly cloudy - not thick clouds.
South wind carried off most of the snow.

For 3 weeks past vegetation has been stationary. Lilac buds increased some to day, they are open enough to show the purple, a few of them. The birds have had a hard time, but are heard every day.

March 1840.

Winter of 1839-40 in the city of New York - [Journal of Commerce March 7.]

December 1839 { at sunrise 31 } Average 33 ³/₄. Lowest Temp. 14° at sunrise Dec 19.
 { at noon 38 } Highest Do 57 at noon " 6
 { at sunset 35 } Coldest Day was Dec 19 average 19 ⁰/₂
 { at 10 P.M. 31 } Warmest Day " " 16 " 49

This was 4 degrees ~~warmer~~ than at Wattham. & 5 ~~colder~~ than at Northampton.
 Clear & cloudy days, rain & snow storms corresponded very near with those in Massachusetts, but not entirely.

January 1840 { at sunrise 20 } Average 24. Lowest Temp. 2° at 11 P.M. Jan 1. & sunrise 17th
 { at noon 28 } Highest " 49 at noon " 30.
 { at sunset 26 } Coldest Day was Jan 1. average 7 ¹/₄
 { at 10 P.M. 22 } Warmest Day " Jan 30. " 42 ¹/₂

This month was between 7 & 8 degrees warmer than at Wattham & N.H.
 Correspondence as above, but more difference between N.Y. & Mass.

February 1840 { at sunrise 32 } Average 37 ¹/₄. Lowest Temp. 5° at sunrise Feb 4.
 { at noon 42 } Highest Do 65 at noon " 20
 { at sunset 39 } Coldest day was Feb 4. average 9°
 { at 10 P.M. 36 } Warmest " " Feb 23. " 38 ¹/₄

This month was 7 deg. warmer than at N.H. and about 5 ¹/₂ warmer than at Wattham.
 Snows, rains, &c corresponded as above (with some variations) with Northampton.
 Also Winds for much of the time, but more difference in winds than in storms.

Winters in Hartford at sunrise by E.W.B. [Courant March 13.]

1832-3 { Dec. 29 ¹/₂ } Average 26 ²/₃. 1833-4 { Dec 31 ¹/₂ } Average 27 ³/₄. 1834-5 { Dec 27 ¹/₂ } Average 21 ¹/₃
 { Jan. 29 ¹/₂ } { Jan. 21 } { Jan. 17 ¹/₂ }
 { Feb 24 ¹/₂ } { Feb 29 ¹/₂ } { Feb 19 ¹/₄ }
 1835-6 { Dec 20 } Average 18 1836-7 { Dec 25 ¹/₂ } Average 21 1837-8 { Dec 28 ¹/₂ } Average 24
 { Jan. 21 ¹/₂ } { Jan 15. } { Jan 29 ¹/₂ }
 { Feb 12 ¹/₂ } { Feb 22 ¹/₂ } { Feb. 14 }
 1838-9 { Dec 21 ¹/₂ } Average 23 ¹/₂. 1839-40 { Dec. 29 } Average 24 ¹/₃.
 { Jan. 22 ¹/₄ } { Jan. 15 }
 { Feb 26 ¹/₄ } { Feb. 29 }

Albany Weather 1838 and 1839. (at Albany Academy from Cultivator.)

1838 Jan. Feb. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec
 Mean Temp. 31.46. 16.05. 37.07. 40.92. 56.92. 72.05. 72.73. 70.52. 62.19. 47.66. 34.74
 Highest Temp. 54° - 39° - 58° - 68° - 89° - 94° - 96° - 90° - 88° - 75° - 60°
 Lowest Temp. - 3 below - 6 below. 3 - 21 - 33 - 52 - 54 - 50. 43 - 23 - 1
 No. Fair Days 19 - 18 - 17 - 17 - 15 ¹/₂ - 20 - 21 ¹/₂ - 23 ¹/₂ - 20 - 15 - 17 ¹/₂
 " Cloudy Days 12 - 10 - 14 - 13 - 15 ¹/₂ - 10 - 9 ¹/₂ - 7 ¹/₂ - 10 - 16 - 12 ¹/₂
 Rain fell on Days 9 - 6 - 9 - 11 - 11 - 13 - 10 - 8 - 7 - 11 - 9
 Rain & melted snow, inches 2.25. 2.20 - 2.09 - 1.53 - 7.45 - 7.60 - 1.72 - 4.91 - 14.46 - 3.32 - 3.55
 Wind North Days 2 - 2 - 8 ¹/₂ - 3 ¹/₂ - 3 ¹/₂ - 3 - 3 ¹/₂ - 1 ¹/₂ - 5 ¹/₂ - 2 ¹/₂ - 2
 " North East 2 ¹/₂ - 5 ¹/₂ - 4 ¹/₂ - 2 ¹/₂ - 2 ¹/₂ - 0 ¹/₂ - 1 ¹/₂ - 2 ¹/₂ - 7 - 2 - 1 ¹/₂
 " East 0 - 1 ¹/₂ - 1 ¹/₂ - 1 ¹/₂ - 2 - 0 ¹/₂ - 0 - 0 - 1 - 0 - 0 ¹/₂
 " South East 0 ¹/₂ - 1 - 2 ¹/₂ - 1 - 1 - 2 - 2 - 1 ¹/₂ - 2 - 1 - 1
 " South 9 - 3 - 6 ¹/₂ - 4 ¹/₂ - 11 - 13 ¹/₂ - 10 ¹/₂ - 8 - 6 - 11 - 6 ¹/₂
 " Southwest 6 - 0 ¹/₂ - 0 - 2 ¹/₂ - 2 - 4 - 3 ¹/₂ - 4 - 4 ¹/₂ - 3 ¹/₂ - 4 ¹/₂
 " West 1 ¹/₂ - 1 - 0 ¹/₂ - 3 ¹/₂ - 5 ¹/₂ - 0 ¹/₂ - 1 - 4 ¹/₂ - 0 ¹/₂ - 2 ¹/₂ - 0 ¹/₂
 " Northwest 9 ¹/₂ - 14 ¹/₂ - 7 - 11 - 3 ¹/₂ - 6 - 9 - 9 - 3 ¹/₂ - 8 ¹/₂ - 13 ¹/₂
 1839 Jan. Feb. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec
 Mean Temp. 23.38 28.73 - 35.20 - 49.60 - 57.98 - 64.03 - 72.38 - 69.60 - 62.32 - 51.43 - 35.95 - 27.85
 Highest Temp. - 55° - 60° - 64° - 74° - 83° - 86° - 92° - 88° - 86° - 74° - 56° - 50°
 Lowest Temp. - 12 below. 5 below. 2 below. 30 - 34 - 48. 55 - 47 - 37 - 21 - 13 - 0
 No Fair days 14 - 10 - 18 - 17 - 18 - 15 - 17 ¹/₂ - 20 - 17 - 20 - 16 - 15
 " Cloudy " 17 - 18 - 12 ¹/₂ - 13 - 12 ¹/₂ - 15 - 13 ¹/₂ - 11 - 13 - 11 - 14 - 16
 Rain and snow fell " 8 - 12 - 11 - 9 - 12 - 14 - 15 - 8 - 8 - 5 - 8 - 12
 Wind North " 6 - 2 ¹/₂ - 9 - 7 - 4 - 3 ¹/₂ - 3 ¹/₂ - 4 ¹/₂ - 3 ¹/₂ - 6 - 4 ¹/₂ - 11
 " North East " 2 ¹/₂ - 8 ¹/₂ - 2 - 4 ¹/₂ - 2 ¹/₂ - 3 - 0 ¹/₂ - 6 ¹/₂ - 1 ¹/₂ - 4 ¹/₂ - 2 - 5
 " East " 2 - 1 - 1 - 0 ¹/₂ - 1 - 2 - 2 ¹/₂ - 1 ¹/₂ - 0 ¹/₂ - 2 - 1 - 1
 " South East " 2 ¹/₂ - 2 ¹/₂ - 1 ¹/₂ - 1 ¹/₂ - 3 - 2 ¹/₂ - 3 - 1 - 2 - 1 ¹/₂ - 1 ¹/₂
 " South " 8 ¹/₂ - 9 - 7 ¹/₂ - 9 ¹/₂ - 6 - 8 ¹/₂ - 15 ¹/₂ - 9 ¹/₂ - 12 - 12 - 7 - 3
 " South West " 3 ¹/₂ - 4 ¹/₂ - 2 - 0 ¹/₂ - 3 ¹/₂ - 1 - 1 - 2 - 2 ¹/₂ - 2 ¹/₂ - 2 - 1 ¹/₂
 " West " 0 ¹/₂ - 1 ¹/₂ - 0 ¹/₂ - 1 - 1 ¹/₂ - 1 ¹/₂ - 1 - 3 - 3 - 0 - 1 ¹/₂ - 1 ¹/₂
 " Northwest " 5 ¹/₂ - 3 ¹/₂ - 7 ¹/₂ - 5 ¹/₂ - 9 ¹/₂ - 10 - 4 - 9 - 5 - 2 ¹/₂ - 10 ¹/₂ - 9 ¹/₂
 (Some error in wind in June)
 (Rain & melted snow, inches 2.17 - 1.59 - 1.52 - 4.75 - 3.83 - 5.12 - 5.77 - 1.24 - 2.75 - 1.35 - 2.95 - 5.09)

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Saturday 28

Therm. 39° at sunrise
50 at 1 P.M.
47 at 9 " "

Cloudy & a little sprinkling by turns, all day.
Evening Cloudy.
Wind W.S.W.; at 11 S. & at 1 S.W.; at 3. N.W.; at 5 S.

Sunday 29

Therm. 46 at sunrise
56 at 1 P.M.
52 at 9 " "

Fog and clouds. Some Rain forenoon. Cloudy till 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. Mostly clear at sundown & in Evening.
Wind S.W. till 3. then S.E. - at 5, S. } Cloudy again at evening

Birds very musical this morning. Warmest morning this year.
Did not go to meeting to-day. Detained by cold & sore throat.
Mr White of Southampton preached.
Frogs peeped in the evening, it is said.

Monday 30.

Therm. 42° at sunrise
50 at 1 P.M.
52 at 9 " "

Cloudy. Began to rain at 10 & continued most of the time till night. A shower after 8 with thunder.
Wind N.N.E. till noon, then turned directly opposite, S.S.W. Continued S.S.W. till 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, then S.S.E. Evening Cloudy.

Great noise of birds this morning - Robins, bluebirds, larks, ground birds and 2 or 3 other kinds. One makes a sound like "pee wee."
Letter from Chester H. Gee.

Tuesday 31.

Therm. 38° at sunrise
44 at 1 P.M.
34 at 9 " "

Mostly Cloudy A.M. Mostly Clear P.M. Evening mostly cloudy.
Wind W.N.W. and brisk all day

These are considered peculiarly hard times, and money very scarce. The cattle feeders lose about all they have given to their cattle; and get but little if any more than they gave in the fall. Flour, grain, &c are lower than they have been. This noise about low prices is after all a ruse from comparison with the very high prices of a few years past. Prices are now as high as they were for many years previous to 1834, and some things higher. I prefer domestic produce. The great increase of paper money created a speculating mania, and extravagant notions; and immense importations of foreign goods. The contraction of paper money, the reaction that must follow, such wit and extravagance has ruined thousands, and the country is full of bankrupts, & men heavily in debt. The whigs who think a change of administration will cure all evils, are very much mistaken - and those who rely on subtreasury bill to heal the disorders of the country also deceive themselves. This bill may do some good, but probably not so much as its friends anticipate. Men always expect too much from Legislation. Men who will not reform their own habits & practices need not expect relief from any change in public measures.

Temperature of March at Northampton

At sunrise 29 $\frac{11}{31}$
At 1 P.M. 42 $\frac{17}{31}$
At 9 " " 32 $\frac{28}{31}$

Average 34 $\frac{22}{75}$ or 34.95.

Cloudy Days here 18 $\frac{1}{2}$
Clear " 12 $\frac{1}{2}$

The Wind, as near as I can come at it, was N.W. 8 days. N.E. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ days

March has been a cold, unpleasant, windy, cloudy month - in other words a real March.

S.W. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - S.E. 3 "
S. 3 " - W. 2 "
E. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " - N. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Temperature of March at Wattham

At sunrise 28 $\frac{14}{31}$
At 2 P.M. 42 $\frac{24}{31}$
At 9 " " 34 $\frac{5}{31}$

Average 35 $\frac{8}{31}$
C. Records it 35°

Last year 34.15.
Average for 15 years - 33.72.
Clear 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ days - cloudy 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ days.

C. F. says that except 4 first days, March has been extremely unpleasant and disagreeable, & the temperature very little if any above 24 last days of Feb'y. Many cloudy days & strong, piercing winds. Squalls & storms frequent. 10 inches of snow fell in March.
Wind observations - N.W. 16 - S.W. 14; E. 8; S 7; W. 5; N 3; N.E. 2; S.E. 1.

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Wednesday 1. April comes in cool and unpleasant.
The rich home lots, door yards, & other grass lands in the village are green, the grass started in the warm, rainy days of last week.
The lilack flower buds are beginning to open & to show the purple and the trumpet honeysuckle has advanced some. I perceive little or no change in other things. Patches of snow are still to be seen on Holyoke South North and Western Hills. There are many kinds of Birds about. I heard the Phebe this morning for the first time.

Therm. 30° at sunrise } mostly Cloudy A.M. All Cloudy P.M. Snowed large flakes
40 at 1 P.M. } after 5 and in evening. About 1 inch fell.
34 at 9 " " } Wind S.E. - S - S.W. - and back to S.E. again A.M.
" P.M. S.E. next at 5. E.S.E. - at 6, E.

Westhampton Parsonage - I received on this last year \$13.93 on my 2 shares.
The tax on them was \$1.46, which brother Parsons has just paid and sent to my home. So the net proceeds were \$12.47. (see August 28, 1839) [said]
In 1838 (year before last) I received on these shares only \$11.59 and paid out for repairs \$18.90 and tax \$1.98, making my net loss \$9.29. So in 2 years I received on these 2 shares only \$3.18. (see April 11, 1838 & April 11, 1839) and June 4, 1840

Brother Parsons & Matthews here to day.

Thursday 2. State Fast. Ground covered with snow of last evening.

Therm. 32° at sunrise } Half cloudy. Mostly clear after 9 till night. Evening clear.
44 at 1 P.M. } Snow went off mostly.
30 at 9 " " } Wind N.W. and some W.N.W. all day

Both Societies met in Edwards Church A.M. Old Church P.M.
Mr. Wiley preached both parts of the Day, Mr. Mitchell being unwell.
Pretty good turn out for a fast day.
I called at Isaac Clark's & T.W. Shepard's (both in one house) in Evening.

Friday 3. } Thin haze, but sun shone pretty bright. This continued all day. Evening fair.
Therm. 24 at sunrise } Wind S.E. next S.S.E. next S. till noon & brisk.
58 at 1 P.M. } " P.M. - S.S.W. till night and strong.
46 at 9 " " }

Birds very noisy this morning. The Phebe is now heard every morning.
Frogs heard this evening. Have been heard some days.
Wash Clark Jr. paid 100 dollars on his note to Hooker and Worthington Hooker took the money, for his father.

Saturday 4. } Half cloudy - all cloudy at 8. Clear at 2 & pleasant till night. Evening clear.
Therm. 48° at sunrise } Wind S. & brisk. at 10 1/2 W. at 11 W.N.W. & till night and strong. Windy evening.
48 at 1 P.M. }
54 at 3 " " }
40 at 9 " " }

Letter from Arctura enclosing 15 dollars. I endorsed the money on her note.

Postage. My newspaper postage & price of box I have not paid for 7 quarters viz Oct 1. 1838 to July 1. 1840. Mr. Shepard has turned this on old matters where he owed me. He calls it \$4.29. but it is not over 3.70. [In Oct 3, 1839]

Cottontail, it is said, was never so low as now. It sells in New York at from 6 to 10 cents for good, and a little more for the best.

Sunday 5. } Clear with small flying clouds all day. Fine sky. Evening bright.
Therm. 32° at sunrise } Wind W. at 8 W.N.W. and continued till night
51 at 1 P.M. } and was very strong - almost violent.
40 at 9 " " }

Mr Wiley preached A.M. Mr. Allen P.M.

Monday 6. } Clear, except some thin clouds from S.W. all day. Evening very bright.
Therm. 27° at sunrise } Wind S.W. next W. at 9 W.N.W. & brisk till night.
46 at 1 P.M. }
32 at 9 " " }

Letter from Elizabeth.

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Tuesday 7.

Therm. 29° at sunrise } Clear & hardly a cloud all day.
in wind 41° } Evening very clear.
out of do - 44 } at 1 P.M. Wind N.W. and brisk & cold all day.
28 at 9 " "

Received to day my Bank Dividend 3½ in cent. or \$24.50.
Wrote to Hartford and sent 10 dollars to Hall to buy land, &c.

Wednesday 8.

Therm. 24° at sunrise } Cloudy mostly. Clouds grew thin. Sun shone through after
48 at 1 P.M. } P.M. Clouds & Sunshine. All clouds some of time.
26 at 9 " " } Evening clear.
Wind N.W. soon round to N. and then N.E. next E.
next S.E. till noon. P.M. S. & S.W. and round
to W. and N.W. where it was at sunrise.

Thursday 9.

Therm. 17° at sunrise } Clear. White frost. Clear all day & Evening.
50 at 1 P.M. } Wind N. went round to N.E. and at 9 to S.E.
37 at 9 " " } at 11 S. at 12 S.S.W. and till night.
Wind brisk P.M. & Evening.

Elizabeth arrived from Hartford about 1 o'clock. She has not been here before since Dec. 5, 1838. Learn from her that yesterday son Hophrd went to live at Pequonnock in Windsor in the employment of a Mr. Denslow who lives in Hartford. Hall is taking care of the property of the Assignees of Andrus, Judel & Franklin. J. Walker expects to get employment under a Mr. Sage. He owes debts he cannot pay and of the

Friday 10.

Therm. 38° at sunrise } Mostly clear all day. Flying clouds from S.W.
68 at 1 P.M. } Evening clear.
60 at 6 " " } Wind S. at 9 S.W. and strong - much dust raised. Continued
52 at 9 " " } Strong from S.W. and some S.S.W. till night.
Some people have begun to plough and sow.
Warmest day this year, but so much wind made it unpleasant.
Wrote to Martinus Darrow, Otisco, N.Y. in regard to C.H. Gee.

Saturday 11.

Therm. 45° at sunrise } mostly clear but many clouds. After 3 all cloudy.
72 at 1 P.M. } Evening cloudy and a little rain.
62 at 6 " " } Wind S. and S.E. till noon and till night.
57 at 9 " " } Wind was brisk in afternoon & evening
Warm day for April, but too windy & dusty for comfort.

The Season. There was hardly any perceptible advance in vegetation between April 1 and 10 (yesterday) Things started yesterday, and still more to day. Grass is quite green about buildings & many homelots.
Lilac - most of the flower buds are open enough to disclose the purple and many of the leaf buds are open.
Trumpet Honeysuckle - The leaves are open - they are more forward than those of the lilac.
Gooseberry - The leaves are open - and as large as my finger nail. These three plants are more forward as to leaves than any others.
Elm. Most of the trees are not changed; but some exhibit many clusters of reddish buds or blossoms.
Red Maple - The red flower buds are opening, but the trees do not yet look red at a distance.
Crabapple, thimbleberry, Currant & some other plants show buds with green ends.
Vegetation about as it was April 4 & 5 last year.

Sunday 12.

Therm. 55° at sunrise } Cloudy & a little Rain in the morning, and a little
59 at 1 P.M. } towards night & some rain in evening.
60 at 6 " " } Wind S. all day. It is seldom that the wind
57 at 9 " " } continues steadily S. so long as it has to-day.
Wind brisk in afternoon.

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Monday 13

Therm. 42° at sunrise
52 at 1 P.M.
41 at 9 " "

mostly cloudy. At 8 clear with flying clouds. Afternoon very clear. Fine sky. Beautiful Evening.
Wind W.N.W. brisk. next N.W. till noon & till night.

Received letter or 2 deeds from Chester H. Gee, by way of Otisco, N.Y. I paid postage on them 37½ cents. Paid also 37½ cts. for call repaid (see deed).

Tuesday 14.

Therm. 28° at sunrise
54 at 1 P.M.
46 at 9 " "

Clear but some smoke. white frost. Thin clouds overspread at 8½, mostly clear at 12. More cloudy at 2. All cloudy after 5½. Wind N.N.E. next N.E. round to S.E. and at 10 S. till noon. P.M. S. and S.S.W. — Evening cloudy & windy.

Rev. Dr. Tenney, of Wethersfield called here about his ancestors. I could tell him nothing.

Wednesday 15

Therm. 38° at sunrise
64 at 1 P.M.
47 at 9 " "

Cloudy. Sunshine through at 9. Halo around sun. More clear P.M. but many clouds. All clear at 6 & in Evening. Wind S. at 10 S.E. at 11 E. at 12 S.E. round to S. and at 5 W.N.W.

Letter from Sylvester. Brother Matthews & Irene here. Sent him 7 dolls. / abo 93. At 22. A flood (not high) on the meadows 2 or 3 days past. Was highest yesterday.

Thursday 16

Therm. 32° at sunrise
63 at 1 P.M.
59 at 6 " "
52 at 9 " "

Clear mostly - a little haze & smoke. Pleasant Day, but windy P.M. Evening partly cloudy. Wind N.N.E. at 9 N.E. at 11 S.W. at 12½ S.E. and was S.E. some S.S.E. till 6, then S.

Friday 17.

Therm. 46° at sunrise
69 at 1 P.M.
53 at 9 " "

Overspread with clouds but sun shone through. Halo at 12. more clear P.M. but many thin clouds. Evening mostly clear. Wind S. grew brisk. Continued S. all day & brisk. Strong S. wind in Evening.

Son J. Walker came about sunset.

Saturday 18.

Therm. 52° at sunrise
76 at 1 P.M.
66 at 6 " "
62 at 9 " "

Cloudy. Mostly clear at 9 but some thin clouds till noon, and till after 4. At 5 all cloudy. Evening cloudy. Wind S. and S.S.E. by vane but clouds moved from S.W. to N.E. Wind continued S. & S.S.E. and some S.S.W. till noon & strong. P.M. S.S.W. and strong. A warm, windy, dusty day. Warmest day this year, but unpleasant by wind.

The season. Vegetation has advanced slowly since the 11th, but some daily. Lilack, Honeysuckle & Gooseberry are quite green with open leaves. Crab-apple, raspberry (or thimbleberry) and currant show open leaves. Red maple is in blossom and trees look red. Willows are yellowish green. Elm is in blossom - trees look greenish brown. Buds of Eng. Cherry, pear, peach & some apple trees show green ends. Grass grows - warm rich places afford a good bite - horned lot's green & handsome. The season about 5 or 6 days later than last year.

P.S. The above was written in the morning. The day proved very warm and vegetation advanced considerably, though the wind was very strong and much dust raised.

Anson Chapman paid me 150 dollars. I paid Geo. Shepard for house rent 1 year to April 10. 70 dolls. Also 5 dollars for pew rent to Nov. 1. 1839.

Sunday 19

Therm. 50° at sunrise
58 at 1 P.M.
37 at 9 " "

mostly cloudy. After 12 more clear - extensive, maculose - back clouds. After 2½ all clear. Evening very clear. Wind N.W. next N. next N.N.E. till noon & till 3 P.M. yet clouds were passing from S.W. to N.E. till they became clear. After 3, N.E. till night.

Mr. Wiley A.M. In the afternoon, I attended the Baptist meeting with J. Walker, Elizabeth, Peninnah & Albert. House full. Mr. Brown preached a very remarkable in his preaching. After the close of the exercises, Mr. B. baptised 1 man & 3 females in Mill River just below the bridge. There was a great concourse of spectators, perhaps 1500. This is the first baptism by immersion that I ever saw. This mode of baptism is sufficiently scriptural, but seems to me unnecessary & inconvenient.

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Monday 20. Son J. Walker, Elizabeth & Albert left us for Hartford this morning. Albert has been here almost 15 months. I lent J. W. 3 dollars. Sent by Elizabeth 50 dollars to purchase goods. Sent my Note vs. L. Smith (see Feb. 13) to get interest due May 13.

Therm. 30° at sunrise } White post. Clear except a little haze. More clouds came on but
 in wind 61 } at 1 P.M. } sun shone. Afternoon mostly clear.
 out of " 64 }
 41 at 9 " " } Wind S.E. next S. at 10. S.W. next W.S.W. till noon.
 At noon W.N.W. and brisk - continued W.N.W. & N.W. till night.
 Very dry & dusty. Evening clear & windy.

Settled with Hawley to day. He gave me Gazette for two past years (and many single papers I have taken) and one advertisement for my occasional services there.

Settled with Isaac Clark - gave him a Note for \$296.30. viz

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| for Note dated Aug 16. 1839. | 121.50 |
| " do " Aug 29. 1839 | 20.00 |
| " do " Jan 30. 1840 | 50.00 |
| " do " Feb 13. 1840 | 30.00 |
| " do " Feb 29. 1840 | 10.00 |
| Interest on these 5 Notes to this date | 6.73 |
| His book account up to Feb 1. 1840 | 44.47 |
| His do do - since Feb 1. to April 1. | 2.31 |
| His do do - against Sarah A. Edwards | 11.29 |

\$296.30 = New Note.

[1841 May 1. I paid one year's interest 17.78
 1841 June 1 I paid the whole note.]

Tuesday 21. Clear all day. Hardly a cloud. Evening clear.
 Therm. 27° at sunrise } Wind N.W. went round to N. N.E. and at 7 S.E.
 52 at 1 P.M. } back to N. again at 8 N.N.E. - at 11 E. N.E. till noon.
 42 at 9 " " } P.M. S.E. after 4 S. till night.

Sister Smith & John here. E. Hunt of Cumington paid me 50 dollars.

Wednesday 22. Clear. Clouds came on at 9. All cloudy at 11.
 Therm. 32° at sunrise } Began to rain at 2 1/2 from S. Rainy till night & in evening.
 53 at 1 P.M. } Wind S. grew brisk. A.M. grew strong P.M. and
 53 at 9 " " } continued till night. Wind strong in evening.

The Season.

Many Apple trees show small open leaves (some had open leaves yesterday) and some trees look greenish at a distance. Some Eng. Cherry leaves are open, but not many. Some horse chestnut leaves are open. Elms are brownish green, except those which do not blossom. Many people are making gardens.

Thursday 23. I am this day 51 years old. Rainy & windy last night.

Therm. 54° at sunrise } Cloudy. Clouds grew thin - sun visible at 8
 81 at 1 P.M. } Thin clouds & some sky most of the day. Sun shone through.
 54 at 9 " " } Wind S.E. and S.S.E. till near noon.
 " P.M. W.N.W. and some W. Evening mostly clear.

Halo about sun at 5.

Extraordinary day for April - very warm. Vegetation advanced considerably. The late rain & this warm weather have started the grass very much. People are turning young cattle to pasture. Elm trees that do not blossom begin to show open leaves. Deciduous trees on Mt Holyoke have many of them changed color, but do not look green yet. Peach trees show open leaves; also quince trees.

Doct. Elisha Mather, my neighbor, a valuable man & physician died about 7 o'clock this evening.

Did business to day with Gough & Benj. Norton for Chester H. Gee. Norton paid me 450 dollars for land that was Gee's.

Sister Smith & 2 children here.

Friday 24. Cloudy. Clear at 9 and all day & evening.
 Therm. 56° at sunrise } Aurora Borealis in evening.
 76 at 1 P.M. } Wind W. after 7 N.N.E. - N.W. - N. - next S.E. till noon.
 52 at 9 " " } " P.M. E.S.E. - E - N.E. - at 6 1/2 S.

Another very warm day. (See next page.)

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Friday 24-continued.

The Season. I found apricot blossoms to day, & presume from their appearance that they were open yesterday - Wm. Parsons tree. Hard & soft maple leaves & butternut leaves show themselves. Some Pear trees have open leaves. Apple trees are generally greenish. Full currant blossoms appeared to day. Gooseberry blossoms out. Dandelion blossoms appear. 2 Plum trees in J. Hopkins' garden show blossoms.

Hall came from Hartford to day having been absent over a year. His health not good. He paid me remainder of the note he gave me July 1. 1839. for 23 dollars. He paid \$9.33 March 21, paid a bill for Hophni in Hartford 10.86, and the rest to me here, including 39 cents interest. Hophni's bill was for boots & shoes which the company did not pay.

I sent to Hartford 10 April 7. & J. Walker took of me \$8.00. making 18 dollars. Received for the above - in bombazine, comb of thread \$2.50
Paid to Hophni \$3. 40 Ws hard 4th & tub 25^{cts} --- 7.25
Calicoes for wife & Pinnate gears --- 4.13
2 pr stockings 67^{cts}. Muslin 1.07. footing 12. Ribbon 30^{cts} --- 2.16
Hall paid me back 1.71 and 25^{cts} --- 1.96
\$18.00

Elisha Graves took my ashes to day 34 bushels ^{made in 2 years.}
_{collected Feb 25. 1842}

Borrowed of Hall to day 40 dollars ^{see Sept 1st} and gave him my note.

Saturday 25.

Therm. 42° at sunrise } Overcast with thin gossamer clouds. Sun shone.
76 at 1 P.M. } Clouds grew thicker. Clear at 10 and till night. in Evening
63 at 9 " " } Wind N. next N.W. at 7½ N.E. at 10 N.W. at 10½ S.S.E.
" P.M. S. and some S.S.E. till night.

A 3d warm day. These three days have advanced vegetation very much. English Cherry & Peach trees show no flower buds and will have no blossoms. Peach trees are much injured by the winter or something else, and many seem half dead.

Elms which do not blossom have not yet leaves enough (except small trees) to look green. The seed formation makes the others green.

Mr. Shuphards barren plum trees show three or four open flowers.

Three extraordinary days for April. No fire needed for comfort for 3 days.

Sunday 26.

Therm. 59° at sunrise } Cloudy. Mostly clear at 10. Mostly cloudy after 3.
80. at 1 P.M. } Thunder shower 5½ to 6½ from W. & N.W. Evening cloudy.
63 at 9 " " } Wind S.W. soon S.S.W. next S. at 10 S.S.E. at 1. S.
at 1½ S.S.E. at 5 S.W. during the shower was S.W.
W. & W.N.W. mostly S.W.
Heavy thunder & heavy rain between 5½ & 6½.

Mr Wiley preached all day. In the forenoon, his sermon had reference to the Death of David S. Whitney who died in Gainsville, Alabama, April 1st. After the afternoon service the funeral of Doct. Mather was attended.

This has been the 4th summer day. Vegetation advances fast. One low limb of a peach tree (Dr. Walkers) is full of blossoms. The only blossoms or flower buds that I have noticed on peach trees this spring. Perhaps some of these blossoms were open yesterday.

Mr. Holyoke trees are some of them reddish some brown, some greenish but oaks & cherries not much, if any, altered.

The barren plum trees white with blossoms.

Bobolinked seen to day. They were about before to day.

Monday 27

Therm. 44° at sunrise } Clear with flying clouds A.M. No clouds P.M.
50 at 1 P.M. } Evening clear. A cool windy day.
37 at 9 " " } Wind W.N.W. and very strong. at 8 N.W.
After 2, Wind N.N.W. and N.

G. Parkman came home to day, has been absent since Sept. 26.

Chimney Swallows I saw to day in considerable numbers and I think I heard them two days since, but am not certain [I saw barn swallows a day or two after.]

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Monday 27 - continued.

Went upon Round Hill. Found the English cherry trees on the Hill and on Elm Street full of blossoms, though there are none in the lower part of the village. These blossoms probably began to open yesterday or the day before. No peach blossoms on the Hill or Elm Street, except here & there a scattering one.

Oaks & chestnuts on Round Hill do not in general show leaves, but here & there a chestnut & oak have open leaves. Why these few are more forward than the others I know not.

Wrote to Chester H. Gee (Thompson, Ohio) and enclosed a draft of Northampton Bank on Hudson & Delaware Bank, New York, for \$344.50. His land was sold for 450. dollars - the following is the state of the proceeds: -

\$100 remains in my hands for his 2 Sisters, Thankful & Clarinda. ^{L See June 30}

344.50. draft in the letter put into Post-office this evening.

2.00. for Jesse Lyman's services. [I paid Jesse Lyman July 2, 1840]

1.03 for my services & some postage

37½ for postage on 2 deeds.

37½ for acknowledging 3 deeds.

1.72 Paid the Bank for Premium on the draft.

\$450.00. -

I enclosed in the letter a deed of land in Ohio to Wm. Gee.

Tuesday 28

Therm. 26° at sunrise } Heavy frost. Overspread with thin gossamer clouds.
57 at 1 P.M. } grew thicker, but sun shone. Afternoon ¾ cloudy.
41/6 at 9 " " } all cloudy after 6½.
Wind N.N.W. next N. at 9 directly opposite, viz S. Continued S. mostly till night and brisk.

Wednesday 29.

Therm. 42° at sunrise } Began to rain before sunrise & continued to rain
54 at 1 P.M. } most of the day & evening.
49 at 9 " " } Wind N.N.E. next N. till noon & till night.

Thursday 30.

Therm. 47° at sunrise } Cloudy. Partly clear at 7½. Clear with flying clouds at 11
66 at 12 M. } and till night. Evening clear, but some clouds in S.W.
50 at 9 " " } wind N. at 8. N.E. at 8½ N. at 9½ N.W. & till towards night, then W. and W.S.W.

April has been milder than it is most years, yet unpleasant by reason of winds.

Mean Temperature in Northampton

At sunrise 38 ⁸/₃₀ } Average . Fair Days 20. Cloudy Days 10
At 1 P.M. 58 ²⁷/₃₀ } 49 ⁵²/₉₀ . Wind S. 10 days. N.W. 8. S.E. 4
At 9 " " 45 ¹⁷/₃₀ } N.E. 2½ " . N. 2 . S.W. 2
W 1 E. ½.

April at Waltham by C. F. in N.E. Farmer. Date May 8.

At sunrise 39 ¹³/₃₀ } Average 48 ⁵/₉ . Last year average 46.60
At 2 P.M. 58 ²⁵/₃₀ } (He says 48.57) Average of April 24 years 44.14.
At 9 " " 47 ¹²/₃₀ }

Warmest April in 24 years was 1827 - 49.21.

Coldest April in 24 years " 1818. 39.10.

Excepting 1827, the April past has been the mildest for over 30 years.

The season as indicated by trees & grass is one of the most forward that ever occurred. But few pleasant days, however, owing to boisterous winds most of the month. Prospect of a fruitful season. Grass & grain look well, & buds & blossoms are exuberant.

Windy & cloudy days, rain, &c. corresponded very near with Northampton

Wind noticed, N.W. 16 times, S. 15, S.W. 13; E. 8; N. 6; W. 6; N.E. 5; S.E. 2.

Therm. highest, 82° April 23. Therm. lowest, 19° April 9.

At New York, wind in April was N. 1 day; N.W. 5; N.E. 2; E. 1; S. 3; S.E. 2; S.W. 15; W. 1.

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Friday 1. The Season - is now 2 or 3 days earlier than it was last year on the first of May - and earlier than any spring for several years. Grass is some inches high in good sowings, and affords good feed in rich pastures & some in poorer pastures. Most of trees & plants are green - but the following are excepted. Oak, chestnut, walnut, button ball, honey locust & some others. Peach trees have not life enough to be green. Some people have planted corn.

Purple plums (Mr Shepard's) showed blossoms day before yesterday.
Barren plums (Mr Shepard's) are in full blossom. Currants not quite full blossom.
Apple blossoms, a few, appear on limbs near Mr. Shepard's barn. There were 2 or 3 blossoms yesterday.
Forest trees on Round Hill - very few greenish - most are brown or reddish or russet.
Forest trees on Mt Holyoke - a few are green - some greenish - most are reddish or Russet like those on Round Hill.

Therm. 46 at sunrise } Cloudy & some rain A.M. Cloudy till 4, then mostly clear.
54 at 1 P.M. } At 5 not a cloud. Evening bright.
47 at 9 " " } Wind W. next N.W. next N. next N.N.E. till noon
" P.M. - N.W. till night.

Saturday 2. Fine between 3 & 4 this morning. Smith's Cabinet Shop & Cotton's chair shop.

Therm. 36° at sunrise } Clear - hardly a cloud A.M. Some thin clouds P.M.
57 at 1 P.M. } Very pleasant day. Evening clear
60 at 6 " " } Wind W. next S.W. next W. till noon.
52 at 9 " " } " P.M. was S.W. & S.S.W. till 6, then S.

Sunday 3. } Clear. Some thin clouds came on - grew thicker P.M. but soon shone till 4 1/2 - then hidden till cloudy.
Therm. 44° at sunrise } Wind S.E. till noon and till 2 or 3. Next S.S.E. & S.
77 at 1 P.M. } till night. Evening cloudy.
62 at 9 " " }

Mr Wiley preached all day. Warm day - leaves & blossoms came out fast.
Apple blossoms appeared on many trees to day; I noticed a few yesterday on trees not near buildings. There are myriads of blossoms to-day.
Crab Apple blossoms fully open appeared to day; some were half open yesterday.
Many are open.
Pear blossoms appear.

Monday 4 } Rained in the night. Rained this morning, and by turns through the day. Evening cloudy.
Therm. 52° at sunrise } Wind N.E. next N.N.E. next N. next N.N.E. till noon
52 at 1 P.M. } and till night.
44 at 9 " " }

Brother Matthews & family & Bro Parsons & Betsey here. Settled with brother M. On the 14th of March last (adding 3 grace days to March 11) there was due to brother Matthews on the Hartford Note \$1081.80. and to me, \$868.00. (See Sept. 18. 1839).

| | |
|---|---------------|
| I paid bro. Matthews week before last & previous | 100.00 |
| I paid him to day (money on hand last week) | 281.80 |
| I gave him a certificate that these belonged to him | 381.80 |
| (of the Hartford Note, March 14. 1840. 700 dollars. | 700.00 |
| | <hr/> 1081.00 |
| I paid him interest on the 381.80 since March 14th, 2.67. | |
| I now own of the Hartford Note | 868.00 |
| and what I have paid brother Matthews | 381.80 |
| | <hr/> 1249.80 |
| and Interest on it all from March 14th | |

I borrowed at the bank May 1. (on Parsons surety) \$200.
payable in 30 days. (Paid June 3 & 6)
I borrowed 40 dollars of Hall, and took 50 dollars of money belonging to Geo's sisters.
(Paid on Sept 11 & 15 & 18 & 21 & 24 & 27 & 30 & 31 & 1839)
Brother Matthews & family expect to start for Abingdon, Virginia on Wednesday of this week.
Paid to day \$14.29 to Horace Wright for Nathaniel Edwards & 21 cents mail. See Sept 30, 1839

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Tuesday 5

Therm. 42° at sunrise
51 at 1 P.M.
40 at 9 " "Still rainy. At 7½ clouds thinner & some sky. Rain ceases.
All cloudy at 10. Rainy most of P.M. & Evening.
Wind N. at 7 N.W. - after 1 N.N.W. till night.A cloudy rainy day with wind almost N.W. is something new.
Wrote to Sylvester. Wrote to Charles Hannerum.

Wednesday 6.

Therm. 38° at sunrise
55 at 1 P.M.
40 at 9 " "mostly clear. More clouds. Afternoon ½ clear and
½ cloudy. Cool, unpleasant day.
Wind N.W. next N.N.W. next N.W. till noon & brisk.
" P.M. N.W. and brisk.
Evening mostly clear.

Thursday 7.

Therm. 40° at sunrise
out of wind 61 } at 1 P.M.
in the wind 58 }
42 at 9 " "mostly clear. Fair day but many clouds.
Evening clear.
Wind N.W. & brisk A.M. N.N.W. in afternoon.

Friday 8

Therm. 33° at sunrise
60 at 1 P.M.
46 at 9 " "Mostly clear. Cloudy at 7½ and the rest of the day.
Evening cloudy.
Wind N.N.E. at 10 S.S.W. at 11 S.E.
" in afternoon S.E. and E.S.E. till night.

The Season.

Not much progress in vegetation since May 3, but some daily.
 Apple trees show mixed colors - green leaves, red buds & on most some blossoms, and on many thick blossoms. No trees are yet in full blossom.
 Oaks & chestnuts on Round Hill - some have only buds, but the greater part have open leaves, some very small, others an inch in length or more. At a distance they have a greenish or yellowish brown appearance but some only a reddish brown. They appear about the same on Mount Holyoke, but less of the greenish at this distance.
 Locusts - some have open leaves - some not.
 Thorny Locust - have in general small open leaves - do not look green.
 Button Ball - have small open leaves - hardly green yet.
 Walnut & Ash show open leaves - some appear greenish.
 Eng. Cherry have passed full blossom. Common cherry nearly in full blossom.
 First open blossoms on white & purple lilac to day - not many, and those close to house.

The Season I think continues 2 or 3 days earlier than in 1839.
 Went with Hall to day to Silk Factory, Paper mill, &c.

Saturday 9.

Therm. 42° at sunrise
45 at 1 P.M.
42 at 9 " "Cloudy all day & evening. Some sprinklings.
uncomfortable day.
Wind E.N.E. and some N.E. all day, and brisk.

Sunday 10.

Therm. 42° at sunrise
58 at 1 P.M.
48 at 9 " "Cloudy A.M. Mostly cloudy P.M. a little sunshine.
Evening cloudy
Wind N.N.E. next N.E. till noon.
" P.M. N.N.E. & some N. till night.

Monday 11

Therm. 34° at sunrise
63 at 1 P.M.
47 at 9 " "Clear till noon. Some clouds P.M. but mostly clear.
Pleasant day. Evening clear.
Wind N.N.W. next N. next N.E. next N.N.E. till noon.
" P.M. N. next N.N.E. & some N.E. till night.

Tuesday 12

Therm. 34° at sunrise
66 at 1 P.M.
50 at 9 " "Partly cloudy. Fair with many clouds through
the day and evening.
Wind S.S.W. in the morning. N.E. in the evening.
Not noticed in the intermediate time, but goes
southerly, I believe.

Went up to Greenfield to day & took out letters of administration
 on the estate of brother Smith. Brothers Parsons & Hall sureties.
 Bond 4000 dollars. Dined at brother Hall's; Tea at sister Smith's.

Vegetation between here & Greenfield about the same as here.
 Indian Corn, much not planted, some not up, & some safe.
 Brothers Parsons & son Hall went up with me. Came home before 9.

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Wednesday 13. Great "Log-cabin & hard cider" convention at Greenfield today. Great preparations in Franklin County. There will probably be 2000 people there. Many went from here this morning, probably 200 or more, with Tipppecanoe flags flying, &c.

Therm. 35° at sunrise } Clear & pleasant day. Evening bright.
68 at 1 P.M. }
54 at 9 " " } Wind N.N.E. at 11 N.E. After 12 E.N.E. - at 4 S.S.W.
after 5 1/2 S.E. and S.S.E.

Planted to-day, pole & bush beans, cucumbers, squashes, sweet corn, &c.

Apple-trees, some in full blossom, but most are not. A great growth.

Grain apple in full blossom yesterday & to-day.

Growfoot or butter-cups - saw 5 or 6 open blossoms to-day.

Lilacs have but few blossoms yet - those noticed May 8, were premature by reason of their situation close to the house. Blossoms in common situations did not appear till the 10th & 11th.

Thursday 14

Therm. 37° at sunrise } Clear mostly all day. Some curly clouds. Pleasant.
74 at 1 P.M. } Evening partly cloudy.
58 at 9 " " } Wind S.S.W. next S. next S.E. till noon.
do 2 P.M. S.S.W. & brisk & some S. till night.

Friday 15.

Therm. 49° at sunrise } Mostly cloudy. More clear at 10. At 12 1/2 all cloudy; and a
74 at 1 P.M. } little rain after 1. Cloudy till night. Evening clear.
52 at 9 " " } Wind S. at 9 S.E. at 12 1/2 S.W. next N.W. and at 4
round to N.N.E. at 5 N.W.

Dried apples, sliced, sell at \$2.25 per bushel and weigh only 16 to 18 lbs per bushel. They sell at 12 1/2 cts. per pound. Quarters ones, not good, are sold at 10 cts. 16.

Horse chestnuts show blossoms - a few blossoms out yesterday.

Apple trees nearly in full bloom - a universal & handsome growth.

Dandelions - many have gone to seed, but the grass lands are still almost yellow with them.

Currents have many blossoms yet, though some of the currents are half grown.

Anson Chapman here - paid me 100 dollars - \$1 dollar for old iron his father had.

P.S. Apple trees were at the full this day.

Saturday 16

Therm. 44° at sunrise } Clear. Fine day. Evening nearly clear.
72 at 1 P.M. }
54 at 9 " " } Wind N.N.E. - next variable, but mostly N.N.W. till noon.
" Bell. was westerly - mostly N.N.W. & N.W.

Planted upper garden on Bowers lot.

Apple trees in full bloom apparently, and all have blossoms.

The season is delightful. The verdure of the fields & grass plots and of the trees, & the blossoms of the fruit & other trees make the scenery around very pleasant.

The oaks on Holyoke & Round Hill have only a pale green; and the chestnuts are not so forward as the oaks, & have a brownish green.

Button balls have a palish green. Lilacs not quite in full blossom.

Locust & thorn locust - have leaves, but do not appear green at a little distance.

Growfoot blossoms very rare - only here & there a scattering one.

Black Mulberry leaves not yet open - this is one of the latest of trees.

Sunday 17

Therm. 44° at sunrise } Clear till after 5 P.M. Partly cloudy at & after 6.
84 at 1 P.M. } Evening mostly clear.
76 at 6 " " } Wind S.S.W. next S. next S.S.E. next S. till 1 and till 4.
68 at 9 " " } After 4 S.S.W. and some S.
Warmest day this year.

Mr Allen preached at Mr. Cable Strong P.M.

Monday 18

Therm. 58° at sunrise } Clear A.M. Some thin clouds & flying clouds P.M. but mostly clear.
out of wind 92° at 1 P.M. } Evening clear.
in wind 82° at 6 " " } Wind S.E. next S. and round to W. N.W. till noon & till night.
68 at 9 " " } Fine day but a hot one.

Extra warm day for May. Almost all trees are green. Blk. Mulberry & some locusts not green.

Most of lilacs & Horse chestnut trees in full blossom. Quince trees show blossoms.

Apple blossoms fall fast & did yesterday. Every thing grows fast.

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Tuesday 19

Therm. 59° at sunrise
72 at 1 P.M.
58 at 9 " "

Mostly cloudy. All cloudy at 6, and all day, but the sun was visible a little by turns. Evening cloudy. Wind E.N.E. next E. continued E. & E.N.E. till noon & till night.

Paid Misses Osborn \$9.50 for a Tuscan bonnet for wife & 1.30 for Ribbon put on. Went over to Hockanum with Parkman & Hall in afternoon. Examined the new channel of the river. Forest trees are all quite green. Some winter ice in the meadow shows the heads. In & out of the meadows a kind of grass which resembles the English shows the whole head or pannicle. Black Mulberry shows leaves.

Wednesday 20

Therm. 54° at sunrise
74 at 1 P.M.
60 at 9 " "

Cloudy all day & evening.

Wind E. till noon. P.M. E.S.E. next S.E. & E.S.E. till night.

Red clover begins to blossom in several places; that is, to show red heads. Perhaps it is the early Pennsylvania clover. English grass, or a kind that grows with English & resembles it (perhaps shorter & paler leaves) generally shows heads, but not blossoms. The vernal grass (earlier than any other) is in blossom. Crowfoot blossoms are becoming plenty. Apple blossoms have mostly fallen.

Thursday 21.

Therm. 54° at sunrise
62 at 1 P.M.
50 at 9 " "

Cloudy all day. Began to rain towards night and considerable rain fell during the night.

Wind N. next N.N.E. till night.

I went up to South Deerfield in the Telegraph Stage. Brothers Smiths property well appraised, & I made out the inventory. Real estate 3250 doll. Personal estate 776.99. Total 4026.99. The estate owes 500 dollars or more.

Friday 22.

Therm. 49° at sunrise
66 at 1 P.M.
58 at 9 " "

Cloudy all day & evening

Wind N. next N.N.E. till 1. next N.E. next S.E. went round to W. & there till night.

I came home from S. Deerfield in Telegraph. I heard Whippoorwill at S. Deerfield last evening. Had been heard there 3 or 4 evenings before. Corn almost large enough to hoe in Whately. Wrote letter to C. H. Gee & put it in post office.

Saturday 23.

Therm. 51° at sunrise
79 at 1 P.M.
60 at 9 " "

mostly cloudy A.M. More clear P.M. but more cloudy than clear. Evening mostly cloudy.

Wind by smokes N. by vane S.S.E. next N.E. till noon. " P.M. S.E. next S.W. till night.

Paid Mrs Abell with bill, Feb 21. to May 23 \$84.75 at 5cts 4.20 1/2
20 " at 4 " " 80 1/2
Grasslands in many places are almost white with dandelions gone to seed.

Sunday 24

Therm. 48° at sunrise
72 at 1 P.M.
55 at 9 " "

mostly clear all day & evening.

Wind N.N.E. next N.E. till after 10 1/2. at 12 1/2 S.E. next S.S.E. continued S.S.E. and some S. till night.

Mr Wiley preached A.M. Mr Isaac Parsons of E. Haddam, P.M. Heard to-day that my uncle Frederic Judg died last night at 11 1/2 o'clock. He has been sick some time.

Monday 25

Therm. 50° at sunrise
72 at 1 P.M.
58 at 9 " "

Cloudy. Mostly clear at 8 1/2 and clear till night & in evening.

Wind S. next S.W. at 9 S.E. till noon & till about 6. After 6. S.

Hall started for Boston at 10 via railroad.

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Tuesday 26. } Clear all day. Pleasant. A little smoky.
Therm. 44° at sunrise } Very dry.
77° at 1 P.M. } Wind S.S.E. next S. nearly S. till night.
60 at 9 " "

Today I walked to Sister Lyman's. Easthampton, & then rode with her to attend the funeral of uncle Frederic Judd, & returned the same way. Uncle Frederic was the last of the family; he was 80 years old Jan. 29. All my father's brothers & sisters are now in the grave. I remember when they were all active & animated, and all except uncle Jonathan had young families. The 4 brothers were all tall men, over 6 feet; my father & uncle Jonathan were stooping a little; Solomon & Frederic were very straight. My grandfather, so far as I can remember, was a straight man about 6 feet high. The brothers & Clarissa had a vein for humor and fun, and liked a good joke and a good story, but Silence & Sarah were more grave and sober etc. — All are gone & their wives & husbands are gone except Deac. Samuel Edwards, who still remains, and was able to attend the funeral. He stands erect, though feeble.

My grandfather's old house still remains, & retains its ancient form. My uncle Frederic lived in one room of it at the west end till his father's death in 1803; he then had the whole and lived there till after my uncle Jonathan's death in 1819 when he purchased my uncle Jonathan's homestead, and some time after this removed from the old house. It has since been rented.

As I was returning in the beginning of the evening from Easthampton near woodlands, I heard the notes of several woodland birds, just the same notes that I used to hear in my early days & when my father's. They reminded me strongly of the days & scenes of my boyhood. Indeed I find that these early scenes, habits, & events are more deeply impressed on my mind than any later occurrences. And if I have a very attachment to place, it is to the place of my childhood, where I lived with father, mother, brothers & sisters.

Vegetation is very forward. Rye seems to have attained almost its full height and the heads are fully out. It is generally thin. Grass in rich places is knee-high. Whortleberries in blossom. Some corn large enough to hoe, and some just planted.

Produce is lower than it has been for some years, but not so low as it has been since I have lived in N.H. Corn & rye about 75 cents; flour \$6.25 barrel; butter 12½ cents, some 14 cents; broom corn no sale; butchers sell veal at 5 & 6 cents, eggs 12½ cents. American manufactures are very low. Cotton from 6 to 11 cents. Wool will be much reduced. Milch cows 25 dollars for some; first rate are higher. The whigs are making what they can out of low prices; it is fine capital for them to work upon. But the present prices are considerably higher than those of 1819, 1820, &c.

Wednesday 27. } Clear (as to clouds) but some smoky & sky grey, not blue.
Therm. 46° at sunrise } Evening clear ----- Roads dusty.
84° at 1 P.M. } Wind S.W. next S.S.E. next S.S.W. till noon.
69 at 9 " " " P.M. — S.S.W. & some S. till night

Paid brother Parsons for butter to this time (including today) 9 lbs at 14¢ = \$1.26.
Brother P. sold veal at 14 & 5 cents.

Thursday 28. } Clear except smoke. Sky grey. Pleasant but quite warm.
Therm. 56° at sunrise } Evening mostly clear.
87° at 1 P.M. } Wind S.S.E. next S.E. till noon. Afternoon N.W. till night.
91 at 9 " " } Change of wind to W.N.W. did not moderate the heat

Seringa's first show blossoms. Horse chestnuts still in blossom. Many places reddish with the red heads of clover. People hoeing corn.

Friday 29 } Clear mostly. Some smoke. Grey sky. Evening clear.
Therm. 56° at sunrise } Aurora Borealis and belt from E. to W.
82 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.W. next N.E. next N. till noon and till after 4
61 at 9 " " } At 5. N.E. at 6 E.S.E. at 7 S.E.

Letter from David Jenkins Ohio. Wrote to him in reply. Geo. Smith here.
Parkman went to S. Deerfield with Geo. S.

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Saturday 30 } Mottly clear A.M. and P.M. and Evening.

Therm. 52° at sunrise } Wind N. next N.N.E. next N.E. next S.E. till noon.
 84 at 1 P.M. } " P.M. S.E. after 5, S.
 58 at 9 " "

Trumpet honey suckle has open blossoms.
 Some locusts are in blossom - the early ones.

Settled with Sam^l Williston - paid ham balance \$1.58
 A. Chapman paid me 100¢.

Sunday 31.

Therm. 50° at sunrise } Clear. A little smoke & grey sky as in days past. Appearance
 77 at 1 P.M. } are drouthy. Many thin clouds P.M. Evening clear.
 51 at 9 " " } Wind N.N.W. at 7 N.E. at 10 E.N.E. at 12 N.N.E.
 next N.E. next N.N.E.

Mr Wiley preached both parts of the day.

The Season May 31 & June 1.

Currants are nearly full grown - some perhaps are quite so.
 Crab apples are $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{8}$ an inch in diameter.

Other Apples are of various sizes - some are over $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter.

Red clover in early mowing seems to be in full blossom - in general not quite full yet.

Growfoot (or butter-cups) has been increasing in blossoms more than two weeks, but is not yet arrived at the full apparently.

Vernal grass & English grass headed out 10 or 12 days ago (Vernal still earlier) and the English is now much of it in blossom.

Honey Suckle & Seringa are not yet in full blossom.

Considerable corn has been hoed both in meadows & uplands.

Some young birds have left their nests.

Yellow lily - about half the blossoms ~~are~~ out. (see journal 1839)
 " " not all out June 5 some not out June 12

The season is earlier than last year - perhaps 4 or 5 days - and earlier than any season for some years.

May seems to have been considerably warmer than any May for several years, yet the thermometer makes it but little warmer than last year, and not so warm as May 1833.

The middle of the day was warmer than last year about 3 degrees; the morning & evening about the same. This makes the seeming average heat greater than the real. - The latter part of the month has been dry & some things are suffering for want of rain, but most things are very fresh & green.

Thermometer here.

At sunrise 45 $\frac{21}{31}$ } Average } Cloudy days 13. Fair days 18.
 at 1 P.M. 69 $\frac{43}{31}$ } 56 $\frac{43}{31}$ } Wind S. 7 days; N.W. 6; N.E. 6; S.E. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
 at 9 " " 54 $\frac{21}{31}$ } N. 3 " ; W. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; E. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; S.W. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$

Thermometer at Portsmouth N.H. for 28 days, viz May 1 to 28 inclusive. (this year - usually 4 weeks varying)
 At 6 A.M. 1 P.M. and 9 P.M.

1836, 56 $\frac{7}{12}$ - 1837, 50 $\frac{3}{12}$ - 1838, 51 $\frac{10}{12}$ - 1839, 53 $\frac{5}{12}$ - 1840, 54 $\frac{6}{12}$

Portsmouth is colder than Waltham & N. Hampton, even after taking 6 o'clock there for sunrise here.
 6 o'clock at P. is 2 degrees or more warmer than sunrise at W. and N.H.

June 1840

Monday 1.

Therm. 49° at sunrise
58 at 1 P.M.
50 at 9 " "

Cloudy all day. Some sprinklings, and after 5, some rain. Evening cloudy.
Wind N. next N.N.E. next N. till noon and till toward night; then N.E.

Tuesday 2.

Therm. 48° at sunrise
61 at 1 P.M.
51 at 9 " "

Cloudy all day. A little rain towards night. Evening dark.
Wind N.N.E. next N. till noon, next N.N.E. at 1½ W.N.W. next E.S.E. next S. till night

Prepared a document for E.C. Bacon, Litchfield and wrote to him. Wrote to Elizabeth and Hephni. Parkman will carry the letters. He will start for New Haven tomorrow morning.

May 28 I borrowed of Hamp. Miss. Society for C. Parkman 100 dollars, including 25 dollars which I owed them before, & Parkman signed the notes as principal and I as surety. I paid over 75 dollars to Parkman out of this money. The 25 not yet paid. [Paid, see July 5.]

He has had of me this vacation cash 9 dollars for conveyance ~~to~~ from New Haven & back again and other matters; - a hat 3.50; silk hkf 1.50. White hkf 34cts, other goods and boots mended 1.00. - all 15.34.

He has had before in sums of 10 dollars & over 210 under small sums; & borrowed of Mr. Johnson 100

Wednesday 3. G. Parkman started at 3½ this morning. Has been here over 5 weeks.

Therm. 48° at sunrise
59 at 1 P.M.
62 at 9 " "

Cloudy all day. Some rain towards night & in evening
Wind N.N.E. next N. next N.W. till 1. next N. till 6 next N.N.E. at 7 S.S.W.

Thursday 4.

Therm. 64° at sunrise
74 at 1 P.M.
62 at 9 " "

Much rain fell in the night.
Cloudy... Some sprinklings. A.M. Showers P.M. and a heavy shower with thunder at 5 from W.N.W. Evening Rainy.
Wind S.S.W. next S. next S.E. till noon
" P.M. S.S.E. next S. before 5 W.N.W. at 6, E.N.E. at 6½ E.S.E. and a shower. at 7 N.E. - Some rain in night.

Westhampton Parsonage, (see April 1). Brother Parsons has received my dividend on 2 shares \$12.39. Whether the taxes are paid or not, he does not know. He has paid me in cash, butter, &c. 6.44, & owes the rest. [See Oct 7, 1840]

Friday 5.

Therm. 57° at sunrise
81 at 1 P.M.
60 at 9 " "

After much rain & 4 cloudy days, it became partly clear at 7 & was cloudy before 7. Mostly clear at 10 & till night. Pleasant day.
Wind W.N.W. next S.E. next S. at 10 N.N.W. at 12 W.N.W. and till night. Fine sunset and fine evening.

Vegetation looks fresh & vigorous after the rain.

Scringa Honey-suckle are abounding in full blossom - ~~not~~ quite.

Red clover & yellow crow foot are about at the full. But they are in blossom so long & vary so much in different places that it is difficult to tell when they are at the full blossom. In many places they are not yet full.

Saw to-day ox-eyed or white daisy in blossom - may have been out a day or 2. No heads-grass heads to be seen - none out.

Tall grass (as I used to call it in Westhampton) shows heads.

Rich horned lot, look as if they were almost ready for the scythe & grass is lodged in many places. They are not so forward as they appear to be, except in very rich spots.

My Town Tax is \$22.38. Paid July 3 with 5 per cent discount 24.27.

My Parish Tax is 12.29. Paid June 25 with 5 per cent discount 11.67.

Received a paper from G.H. Gee, with his name on it - a token that he had received the draft sent April 27. Not hearing from him I wrote a letter May 22, requesting to know if he had received the draft.

June 1840

Saturday 6.

Therm. 52° at sunrise
78 at 1 P.M.
67 at 9 " "

Foggy. Clear at 7. Very fine day. Thin clouds came on after 4. Evening partly cloudy.
Wind W.N.W. at 10 S.E. till 1. next S.S.E. and next S. till night.
Accident to H.T.H. South Street.

Sunday 7.

Therm. 66° at sunrise
60 at 1 P.M.
52 at 9 " "

Cloudy. Grew colder. Began to rain about 3 P.M. and rained gently till night. Evening cloudy.
Wind S. at 10 N.W. next N.W. at 1 N.N.E. at 2 N.N.W. & continued there till night.

Wily preached all day. H.T.H. here. P.M. & over night.

Monday 8

Therm. 54° at sunrise
67 at 1 P.M.
60 at 9 " "

Cloudy. Mostly clear after 10. Many clouds in afternoon & evening. The day about 1/2 clear.
Wind N. mostly till noon. P.M. N.E. after 6 N.W. and part of the time brisk till night.

Tuesday 9.

Therm. 46° at sunrise
74 at 1 P.M.
59 at 9 " "

Clear. Pleasant day. Fine sunset & evening.
Wind N.N.W. next N. next N.E. till noon and till after 2. Next N.N.E. and N. and towards night W.N.W. and at 7 1/2 W.

Herds grass heads begin to appear. Only the tops of a few are visible.
Thorny Locust trees are blossoming - began a day or two since - the blossoms look like the leaves, as to color.
Horse chestnuts are full of small burrs - say 3/8 inch in diameter.
Seringa & fragrant honeysuckle yet in blossom - a little passed the full.
Horned lark look finely - the red, yellow, white, brown, &c. heads of the grasses & plants, with the abundant green, give them a lively appearance.
Red clover perhaps is not passed the full blossom. White about the same.
Rye in the meadow is flowering & begins to look brownish.
A few farmers (and many) have begun to hoe corn the second time; but some have hardly finished the first hoeing.
Currants have begun to turn reddish brown, where they are exposed to the sun.
The progress of vegetation has not been rapid since June commenced, but it advances and most things are unusually forward.
The season, I judge, is 5 or 6 days earlier than last year (or any year for many years past) - perhaps 7 or 8 days earlier as to some plants.
Tall meadow oat grass is flowering.

Wednesday 10.

Therm. 48° at sunrise
82 at 1 P.M.
62 at 9 " "

Foggy. Clear at 6 1/2. Some thin clouds toward noon and P.M.
Pleasant day. Evening clear, but stars rather dim.
Wind N.N.W. next N.E. some E. till noon. P.M. - E. S.E. at 2 S.S.W. next S.W. till night.

There was a little haze in evening after 9, & a very large halo about the moon in S.W.

Thursday 11.

Therm. 52° at sunrise
82 at 1 P.M.
66 at 9 " "

Half cloudy. Nearly clear at 10. Sky grey. Pleasant day.
Evening partly cloudy.
Wind N.E. next N.N.E. next E.N.E. next S.E. next S.S.E. till after 12. Next S.E. at 4 1/2 W. at 5 N.N.W. till night.

Friday 12

Therm. 60° at sunrise
86 at 1 P.M.
69 at 9 " "

Clear but some smoky. Pleasant day. Some haze after 3, and partly cloudy toward night & in evening.
Wind W. soon E. next N.E. at 10 1/2 S.W. at 11 W.N.W. till noon & till night.

Silver sent up \$10.25 by Hall to pay his debts with. I found them 11.02 and paid the rest myself. Kingsley 5.68. Sacket 5.34.
Hall returned from Boston yesterday.

Saturday 13

Therm. 64° at sunrise
78 at 1 P.M.
57 at 9 " "

A thunder shower before day-break. Cloudy at sunrise. Some rain after 8. Partly clear at 10. soon mostly clear. Fine blue sky. Fine day and evening.
Wind S. next S.E. at 9 S.W. before noon W.N.W. and a fine cool breeze, continued till after 2 or 3, went round to N.W. & N.N.W. and after 6 to N.E.

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Sunday 14

Therm. 54° at sunrise
74 at 1 P.M.
54 at 9 " "Mostly clear. Fine azure sky. Hadley bell very distinct.
Some rain-presaging clouds P.M. Fine day & evening.
Wind N.W. next N.E.W. next N. till after 10 & fresh.
At 1 N.W. still towards night, then W.N.W.

Mr. Wiley preached at M. Mr. Allen P.M.

Monday 15.

Therm. 52° at sunrise
70 at 1 P.M.
54 at 9 " "Cloudy. Partly clear after 10, and nearly all clear at 11.
Pleasant & cool. Evening clear.
Wind W.N.W. soon S.W. at 5½ N.E. next N.E. round to N.W.
and before 10 to W.N.W. Thus it had gone entirely round and
against the sun. Continued W.N.W. and some N.W.
till night. Fresh breeze.Planted sweet corn for late corn to-day. Pole beans are beginning to climb.
Herd grass is considerably out but probably more heads still in than out.
Clover and leutincups are passed the full, but the fields are about
as red & yellow with their flowers as they have been—some places more so.

Wrote to Apphia

Tuesday 16.

Therm. 48 at sunrise
74 at 1 P.M.
53 at 9 " "Clear. Fine blue sky. Very fine day. Fresh breeze.
Evening bright.Wind W.N.W. at 7½ E at 8 N.E. next variable sometimes
went round to N. before noon to N.W. Thus it performed
a revolution almost, as yesterday, & against the sun. (continued
N.W. till towards night then W.N.W.)Scanned small home lots were mowed to-day. Noticed 5 or 6.
This is early hay-making. Wrote to Charles Hannum

Wednesday 17.

Therm. 46° at sunrise
80 at 1 P.M.
64 at 9 " "Clear. Somewhat cloudy, and a bright halo, about 12½.
Mostly clear P.M. Pleasant day. Evening partly cloudy.
Wind S. at 9 W. till noon & till after 1. next W.N.W.
and W. till 6. next S.W. till night.

Thursday 18

Therm. 52° at sunrise
70 at 1 P.M.
64 at 9 " "Mostly clear—some thin clouds. All cloudy at 10 and till night.
Evening mostly cloudy.

Wind S.S.W. next S.W. next S till noon & till night.

Wrote to E. B. Bacon, Litchfield, in reply to one from him. ~~Had~~ Hay mowed
the 16th was mostly got in to-day. More mowed yesterday.

Friday 19

Therm. 56 at sunrise
70 at 1 P.M.
54 at 9 " "Cloudy. Mostly clear at 7. More than half cloudy P.M.
Evening cloudy.Wind N.N.W. next N. next N.W. till noon & strong & cool.
and N.W. strong, till night. Fine comfortable in
the evening.

Saturday 20.

Therm. 53° at sunrise
68 at 1 P.M.
52 at 9 " "Rainy; rain ceased before 8. Partly clear after 10.
Afternoon more than half clear. Evening clear.
Wind S.S.W. at 8 directly opposite in N.E. continued
N.E. some N. till noon and brisk. P.M. wind was
N. till towards night, then N.N.W. — Cool day.

Sunday 21.

Therm. 47° at sunrise
74 at 1 P.M.
64 at 9 " "

Clear all day & evening. Very fine day.

Wind N. next N.W. at 7½ E. at 10 E.S.E. — at 12½ S.E.
and S.E. till night.

Mr. Wiley preached all day.

Walked down into the meadow with Hall after sun set. Crops
look well. Many pieces of corn are a foot high as the corn stands,
and some corn is more than a foot, and leaves stretch up 2 feet
or more. Many pieces are only 8 or 9 inches high. Potatoes
about as high as corn. Corn has been hoed twice. Broome corn
is only 3 or 4 inches high as it stands, & has been hoed once.
The kernel of eye is formed, but is not quite filled. The stalk
has apparently attained its height. Color not yet changed.
I did not go into the grass meadows. In fields of grass sown within
a year or two, the clover is generally out in blossom, & the herds
grass heads are coming out, but are more in than out. Old grass lands
are much more forward. — Some upland corn stands 2 feet high
& has leaves 3 feet or more.

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Monday 22 } Mostly clear. Grew more cloudy. Halo about Sun at 12 & 1.
Therm. 57° at sunrise } Half cloudy P.M. till about 5 more clear. Evening clear.
87 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.S.E. at 7 N.E. at 7½ again S.S.E. next S.W.
66 at 9 " " } till noon. Afternoon, W.N.W. next S.W. next W.
at 7 N.W.

Tuesday 23. } Mostly clear - some thin clouds. Next clear - fine sky.
Therm. 52° at sunrise } Fine day & evening, but dry & sultry.
80 at 1 P.M. } Wind E.S.E. - at 6½ N.E. - next N.N.W. - next N.E.
61 at 9 " " } next S.E. till noon. P.M. variable - some N.E. some S.E. but
mostly W. and W.N.W. - at 7 W.

Wrote to Abner Bryant Buffalo; & to Postmaster of Attica N.Y. about Dr. Wells.
People continue to grow hornetots.
Strawberries are ripe - some were brought in for sale latter part of last week.
Green Peas have been selling for 2 Holls. a bushel 10 days or more.
Currants are generally red.

Wednesday 24. } Clear. Hardly a cloud. Parching sun. Pleasant day
Therm. 55° at 8 A. } and evening. Very dry.
86 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.S.E. next S. before noon W.N.W. - at 3 W.S.W.
68 at 9 P.M. } Continued W.S.W. some S.W. till night.

Anson Chapman paid me the rest of his note due May 16. \$190.75.
His brother paid over 40 cents for old iron. A.C. also paid me \$2.00
for a counterfeit bill I returned to him.
Evening noises - Crickets, frogs, tree toads. Some Muskatoes have come.
House flies appeared for day.
Floor in New York 4.20 to 4.50 per barrel. The business of the
city has been very small this spring - less probably than
this spring of 1837. 8. & 9. Cotton 6 to 10 cents. Great cry of hard
times. Yet farming labor is about as high as usual. Men
get 14 or 15 dollars a month for 6 or 7 months; and a good hand
will get a dollar a day by the month in July & August; or near that.

Thursday 25 } Foggy. Clear at 6½. Fine haymaking as in days past.
Therm. 58° at sunrise } Pleasant day & evening
82 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.N.E. & some N.E. & a fresh breeze till noon
65 at 9 " " } and till night.

Some are mowing in Middle Meadow.
J. Walker & Mr. Thrall arrived from Hartford at 9½ evening.

Friday 26 } Cloudy. Mostly clear at 10 and till night & evening.
Therm. 60 at sunrise } Dry & dusty.
76 at 1 P.M. } Wind N. next N.N.E. after 10. S.E. till noon and
58 at 9 " " } till night.

Saturday 27 } Cloudy. Began to rain very gently at 4 but ceased
Therm. 56° at sunrise } before 7. Evening cloudy.
78 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.N.E. till noon & till 3½ then E. at 4½ N.E.
67 at 9 " " } & N.E. till night.

Mr. Thrall returned to Hartford today. Walker remains - his horse out of order.
White lillies opened blossoms to-day. Also spotted lillies

Sunday 28 } Cloudy. Mostly clear before 1. and till toward night.
Therm. 66° at sunrise } Many clouds after 8. Evening clear - Dry again.
82 at 1 P.M. } Wind N. next N.N.E. till 1 and after 2. next N.E.
79 at 7 " " } at 4½ N.W. at 5 S.E. at 7 S.S.W.
77 at 9 " " }

Nathaniel Edwards, the eldest son of my sister Peninnah, died yesterday
at Roberts Meadow, and was buried this forenoon, before I had heard
of his death. Sisters Lyman & Hooker attended the funeral & came
here to dinner. - Nathaniel has been a poor blighted creature
for some years - went to sea & returned last fall in a diseased state.
President Humphrey preached to-day.

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Monday 29. Son J. Walker & son Hall started for Hartford before sunrise.
Therm. 66° at sunrise } Foggy, next cloudy. mostly clear at 8^{1/2}, and till night.
88 at 1 P.M. } after in evening. Very warm day.
74 at 9 " " } Wind S.E. next S.W. next S.S.W. till noon,
afternoon S.S.W. and S. + fresh till night.

Some people are mowing in the meadows, as well as in the homestead

Tuesday 30. Last night was the warmest we have had this year - & there are not many that are warmer any year.

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Therm. 72° at sunrise Cloudy. Mostly clear at 7. Very warm. Dark
88 at 1 P.M. clouds in the W. at 5½. A shower at 6½. Cloudy after it.
68 at 9 " " Wind S.S.W. next S. next S.E. till noon and
till towards 6, then W.N.W. After the shower, the
wind was S.E. again; I have sent here

The earth is quite dry, & the shower to day was not heavy here. There was some thunder & lightning. Evening mostly cloudy.

There was some thunder & lightning. \$1
Anson Chapman paid me today \$150. I paid out today \$50 to
James Phelps for his wife, and enclosed in a letter to Quarters
Darrow, Otisco N.Y. 50 dollars for his wife. This 100 dollars
is part of the money for the Lee farm, retained in my hands
for the 2 sisters of Chester Lee, viz Thankful Phelps & Carinda
Darrow. See April 27.
Had a long talk today with Cousin Samuel Edwards about
Oren Kingsley's matters.

The Meadow. I rode into Middle Meadow, Old Rainbow & this afternoon, with James Phelps. Every thing almost looks well. Grass is luxuriant. Hard grass heads are almost all out, and many are flowering. A few pieces & but a few, have been mowed in Mid. Meadow, O. Rainbow & the higher meadows. Oats are shooting forth heads—some are entirely out. The winter rye appears heavy, & some pieces are a little whitish. There are but few pieces of wheat, & they are no better than middling. Corn is from 18 to 30 inches high, as it stands, & has a fine appearance. A few pieces may be only 12 or 14 inches high, and I saw one piece (E. Graves') that must be about 3 feet high. Brown corn varies still more—it is from 5 or 6 inches to 12 or 14 inches in height. Corn & brown corn have been hoed only twice, but corn is nearly ready for the 3^d hoeing. Currants are quite ripe. Thimbleberries, some are ripe.

June has been pleasant for the most part; there has been but little rain, & the month has been rather cool; yet the weather has been favorable for vegetation; and I should judge that crops were 10 days forwarder than they were last year.

Thermometer at Northampton or Mean Temperature

At sunrise $55 \frac{8}{30}$
At 1 P.M. $75 \frac{17}{30}$
At 9. " $61 \frac{4}{30}$

Average $64 \frac{6}{10}$
exactly $63 \frac{89}{100}$.

{ About 3 degrees warmer than
last year; and vegetation shows
this greater heat very distinctly.
yet the winds were 20 Northerly to 10 South-easterly.

Cloudy days in June $9\frac{1}{2}$; Clear Days $20\frac{1}{2}$.

Winds, N. 4½. N.E. 5. N.W. 7. W 2½; S.W. 3. S. 3; S.E. 3½; E. 1½

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Wednesday 1. } Clear. Delightful day. Evening clear.
Therm. 61° at sunrise }
79 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.W. all day.
82 at 9 " " }

Thursday 2. } Clear. Pleasant Day. Afternoon half cloudy.
Evening 1/2 cloudy.
Therm. 50° at sunrise }
78 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.W. After 8 variable, but mostly S. till 11
58 at 9 " " } at 11 N.N.W. at 12 " N.N.E. next N.N.W. and
some N. till night.

The Chesnuts on Round Hill begin to be white with buds or blossoms.
Rec'd yesterday 100 of Wm. Clark Jr. for H.T.H. [July 4. Paid him 90 dollars & I had lent
him 10 dollars June 6. This makes the 100 dollars.

Friday 3. } Cloudy all day & evening. No rain.
Therm. 58° at sunrise }
74 at 1 P.M. } Wind N. and N.N.E. till noon. Afternoon E. and
59 at 9 " " } N.E. and towards night N.

Tomorrow being Saturday, those who wanted a gala day
had their tea parties to-day, & their dances this evening.
The upper crust were on Round Hill; the others who were
much the most numerous had their tables set in ellises
Osborne's lot Pleasant St. I paid no attention to either. In the
evening I and wife were at Isaac Clark's.

Saturday 4. } Cloudy. Halo around sun at 7 1/2. Clear at 8.
Fine sky. Clear till night & evening.
Therm. 53° at sunrise } Pleasant day.
78 at 1 P.M. } Wind N. & N.N.E. till noon. Afternoon
60 at 9 " " } N.N.E. & some N. and at 7 1/2 N.W.

Today has been pretty still. There was some firing and
ringing about sunrise, but not much noise since.
Letter from Postmaster, Attica, N.Y. stating that Dr H.M. Wells
lives there but is very poor. So my debt against him
of 50 or 60 dollars is good for nothing.

Sunday 5. } Thick fog. Clear at 7 and all day & evening.
Therm. 54° at sunrise }
82 at 1 P.M. } Wind (when fog was gone) N.N.E. till 1 1/2. After 2 E. and
68 at 9 " " } E.S.E. After 5, S.E. & S.S.E. till night.

Mr. Wiley preached all day. I wrote yesterday to Col. Hooker
of Westfield - put in P.O. this evening. Wrote this
evening to C. Parkman, and enclosed in the letter
60 dollars, & carried it to Wm. Bliss's for his brother
to carry to New Haven tomorrow. 25 dollars of this
goes to complete the 100 dollar note which C. Parkman
gave to the H.ellers Society May 28. (See June 2) and he
owes me the remainder, viz 35 dollars which I expect
he will repay; & also the two notes for 100 dollars
each which I have signed as surety for him. See June 2.

Monday 6. } Clear - some thin clouds came on. Pleasant Day.
A gathering in S.W. in evening & stars rather dim.
Therm. 56° at sunrise }
79 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.E. at 7 1/2 N. at 8 1/2 N.E. next E. till noon
65 at 9 " " } afternoon E. next E.S.E. till night.

Tuesday 7. It rained some in the night. The earth was very dry
and some of the growing crops have suffered.

Therm. 60° at sunrise } Cloudy. Some rain from 6 to 8. Cloudy all day
76 at 1 P.M. } and evening.
64 at 9 " " } Wind N.N.E. at 9 N.E. & till noon.
do. P.M. N. mostly but some E. till 7, then N.N.W.

Common corn in some fields just begins to show the top of the tassel on
some hills. People are helling corn some.

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Wednesday 8. } Cloudy all day - no rain.
Therm. 63° at sunrise }
82 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.S.W. & some S. till noon. ~~Dark~~
70 at 9 " } do P.M. S.S.W. & S. till night - A little rain in the
night.
Wrote again to C. Hooker.

Thursday 9. } Cloudy. Partly clear at 8. but more than half cloudy.
Therm. 66° at sunrise } A shower passed N. of us at 5. At 5 1/4 a shower here & some thunder
89 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.W. at 8 1/2 S.E. at 10 N.W. at 11. W.N.W. and
63 at 9 " } some W. till 4, then S.W. at 4 1/2 then dark & ~~clouds~~
arose in N.W. wind was N.W. and W.N.W.
at 6 S.S.W. - Cleared off at 8, & wind SSE
Sister Smith & 2 children here. She is evidently getting a little wild.
Bought pea pods for 5.00 a bushel to-day.

Friday 10. } Clear. Fine day, but sky grey. Evening bright.
Therm. 66° at sunrise }
84 at 1 P.M. } Wind W. next N.W. till noon & till after 1.
64 at 9 " } next W.N.W. till night.

People very busy at haying in the meadows } Wrote to Sylvester.
and some have not finished home lots.

Saturday 11 } Clear, but grey sky. Rather sultry & thick. Some thin clouds P.M.
Therm. 50° at sunrise } Evening clear.
87 at 1 P.M. } Wind N. at 5 1/2 N.E. next S.E. after 10 S. & SSE till noon
168 at 9 " } and till after 1. next S.W. & some S.S.W. till night

Sunday 12 } Clear, but grey sky and air thick. Hot, sultry day.
Therm. 58° at sunrise } Evening mostly clear, but moon & stars dim.
89 at 12 M. } Wind S.S.E. at 8 1/2 E.S.E. at 10 1/2 S.S.E. till 1. then S.E.
84 at 6 " } at 2 S.S.E. at 4 S.E. at 6 S.S.E. till night
74 at 9 " }

Hottest day this year. Very dry. Mr Terry of Somers preached.
At 10 P.M. gathering in S.W. and Halo around the moon.

Monday 13. } Cloudy & foggy. A little sky before noon, but almost all cloudy
Therm. 66 at sunrise } all day. A little rain towards night - very little.
83 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.W. next S.S.E. and some S. till noon
73 at 9 " } Southerly till night.

After a long conference with Samuel Edwards, Jr. about Orr
Kingsley's affairs. I rode out with him to the Loretown Road
and then went on foot southerly & westerly, crossed King's River
and partly fell in - crossed pasture woods and arrived at Orr
Kingsley's before 9. Cousin Samuel came and we transacted
business with him till after 2. About day break, I came round
by way of Easthampton - was detained there some hours, and reached
home about 11 A.M. on Tuesday.

Tuesday 14 } Cloudy at first, but grew clear. Afternoon mostly
Therm. 72° at sunrise } clear and very warm & uncomfortable. Evening fair.
89 at 1 P.M. } Wind at first S.W. next W. next W.N.W. & brisk
71 at 9 " } till noon & till after 2. At 2 W. & some W.N.W.

Walked out to Sister Lyman's after dinner; very hot, & I was very tired.
I have travelled at least 15 miles on foot to-day. Aided her
to do some business with O.K. Staid there over night and came
in the next forenoon with Sister Lyman.

Wednesday 15. } many thin clouds. Became more clear after 10. Thick air.
Therm. 61° at sunrise } Heat unpleasant. P.M. clear & evening. Very dry.
88 at 1 P.M. } Wind in forenoon S-S.W.-W. & S.E. In P.M. S.E. and
71 at 9 " } next W. N.W. till night.

Grain is very forward. People were cradling rye in N.H. & H. and
Southampton on Friday & Saturday last & on the 3 days of this week.
I noticed men reaping yesterday, in Northampton (not the meadows)
and Easthampton. Crop good. Corn generally shows tassels.
Chesnut blossoms are on the wane & have turned yellow - were in bloom
8 days ago perhaps. Haying & harvesting go on together on the uplands.

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Wednesday 15. continued. Received a paper from Quarters Darrow Otisco, with his & his wife's name written on it, indicating that he has received the 50 dollars which I sent him on the 30th June.

There has been, a day or two past, a military company here from Boston with music, and they have turned the heads of half the village. A great gathering to day in a grove, and a great movement of carriages & dust. Music in evening till midnight. For two months past there have been several small showers, and several hours of moderate rain & sprinklings, but no soaking rains, and streams are now very low, the earth in many places parched up, and crops on many fields are suffering for want of moisture. The hot weather for a week past has had a powerful influence in producing drought. The weather has been sultry & unpleasant, and not clear & pleasant like the hotter days of 1838.

Thursday 16. } Many thin clouds. More clear P.M. Hot & disagreeable.
Therm. 60° at sunrise } Hottest day this year. Evening clear
90 at 1 P.M. }
86 at 6 " " } Wind N.W. at 7½ N. at 8½ E. at 10½ E.S.E. next S.E.
76 at 9 " " } till noon. P.M. S.S.E. from S. till 6 then S.S.W. till night.

Col. Hooker of Westfield was here to day & we had a long conversation in regard O.K.'s affairs. I was unwell & did not go abroad.

Friday 17 } As in day past - some haze & thin clouds. & the
Therm. 66° at sunrise } same thick, sultry, dry appearance of the heavens
94 at 1 P.M. } Hotter yet. The earth & plants are scorched. Ev'g clear.
96 at 4 " " }
85 at 6 " " } Wind N.N.W. at 7. S.S.E. next S.E. till near noon.
75 at 9 " " } at noon W.; after 1 S.W. & S.S.W. after 6 S. & S.S.E.

Hall came home from Hartford yesterday, having been gone since June 29. Lett. from W. Hooker to day about O.K.'s affairs. I am still unwell - have not been abroad to day. I deposited 200 dollars in the bank a few days ago - on Monday, I think.

Saturday 18. } Some rain the latter part of the night and
Therm. 71° at sunrise } this morning. Day mostly cloudy but no
83 at 1 P.M. } rain after morning. Ground wet 1½ inches only.
72 at 9 " " } Evening almost clear.
Wind S.S.W. next S. at 8½ N.W. at 9½ W.S.W.
at 11. S.S.E. continued S.S.E. & some S.E. till night.

New troubles about O.K. Am better. Weighed only 156 Dr.

Sunday 19 } Mostly cloudy. A little rain & some thunder at 10.
Therm. 71° at sunrise } Mostly clear at 11½. A slight Thunder Shower at 4. Others N. & S.
85 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.S.W. at 10½ S.E. at 1 S.W. at 2 W.N.W.
66 at 9 " " } Continued W.N.W. & some N.W. till night
Quite cool & pleasant after the shower. Ev'g pleasant.

Mr. Tucker preached A.M. Mr. Hopkins P.M. I staid at home wrote to Col. Hooker in evening.

Monday 20. } Clear & cool. Azure sky. Fine day.
Therm. 52° at sunrise } Evening bright.
72 }
54 at 9 " " } Wind W.N.W. some W. all day.

Cousin Samuel Edwards & John A. Judd here most of the day John is in much trouble. Wrote to Col. H.

Tuesday 21. } Clear. many clouds come on. Grew ~~intensely~~ and
Therm. 48° at sunrise } Sultry like last week. Sun partially obscured.
81 at 1 P.M. } Wind S. next W.N.W. most of the day.
61 at 9 " " }

I went up to South Deerfield & thence to Conway to attend probate Court. Returned inventory, &c.

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Wednesday 22. Returned from S. Deerfield at half past 12.

Therm. 53° at sunrise } Thick air. Grey sky or perhaps haze. A slight
 85 at 1 P.M. } shower after 2. Clear again. Evening clear.
 69 at 9 " " } Wind N.N.E. till towards noon. at 1 S.E. at 2
 wind went to N.N.E. and after the shower returned
 to S.E. again till night.

Thursday 23.

Therm. 56° at sunrise } mostly clear - but appearance dry & unpleasant.
 84° at 1 P.M. } P.M. more hazy. All cloudy at 3. Began to rain
 67 at 9 " " } some at 8.
 Wind S. and S.S.E. till noon. P.M. S.S.W. till night

Friday 24.

Therm. 68° at sunrise } Rained moderately most of the night and rains
 82 at 1 P.M. } this morning. Ceased at 7½. Partly clear at 8.
 65 at 9 " " } All cloudy at 1. Fine shower at 3 from W.N.W. Partly clear after 5.
 Evening clear.
 Wind S.E. at 8 N.E. next E.N.E. till noon.
 do. P.M. N.N.E. next N. and N.W. and about 3 during
 shower W.N.W. After 4 N. till night.

More rain has fallen the last 24 hours than in any 24 hours for
 6 or 8 weeks past. But this is not a great rain. Ground is not soaked,
 [thoroughly.]

Saturday 25.

Therm. 54° at sunrise } Clear. Fine day.
 78 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.N.E. and almost N. till after 2. next S.E.
 61 at 9 " " } at 4½ W.S.W. —

Sunday 26.

Therm. 55° at sunrise } Fog & clouds. Clear at 8. Pleasant day. Some clouds
 83 at 1 P.M. } P.M. & evening.
 67 at 9 " " } Wind N. after 8 E.N.E. next S.E. till noon.
 " P.M. S.W. next W.N.W. till night.

Did not go to meeting to-day.

Monday 27.

Therm. 62° at sunrise } Mostly cloudy. Mostly clear after 9. Pleasant day,
 88 at 1 P.M. } but many clouds. Evening clear
 71 at 9 " " } Wind N. N.N.E. — N.E. — S.E. — A.M.
 do. S.S.W. and S. — P.M.

Eleanor & John A. Judd here several hours. Letter from C. H.

Tuesday 28

Therm. 66° at sunrise } Partly clear - many thin clouds. The day & evening
 86 at 1 P.M. } were more clear than cloudy, but very many clouds.
 72 at 9 " " } Wind S.S.E. Continued between S.S.E. & S.S.W.
 all day. may be considered S.

Received 2 boxes from Cambridge sent by Sylvester, containing
 books, bedding, &c. Weight called 300 lbs. Rail Road charged
 70 cents, & Wright the Steamship charged 60 cents. I paid Wright
 both sums, making 1.30. Sylvester has got through at
 Cambridge & has gone to Augusta, Maine, to preach
 a few Sabbaths.

Received of Samuel F. Phelps 30 dollars or 3 percent
 for a dividend on my rail road shares, & gave him
 power of Attorney to receive it. I have received before
 6 dividends of 4 per cent each; for the first time the
 dividend is reduced to 3 per cent. The stock is below par.

Wrote to Chauncy P. and to Col. Hooker. Sister Hyman here

Wednesday 29. Heavy rain between 12 & 1 last night. Greater
 shower than any for several weeks.

Therm. 67° at sunrise } Clear. Pleasant day & evening.
 83 at 1 P.M. } Wind W.N.W. next W. till noon. P.M. W. & W.N.W.
 66 at 9 " " }

I have paid a lawyer 2 dollars for advice within a few days - it is more than I ever
 paid in all my life, for such business. Letter from Sylvester at Augusta.

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Thursday 30.

Therm. 54° at sunrise
84° at 1 P.M.
65° at 9 " " } Clear. Sky grey. Air thick. Grew smoky.
Evening stars dim.
Wind N.N.W. soon S.S.E. at 7½ S.S.W. before 10
it was W.N.W. till after 1. next W. at 7½ S.W.

Friday 31.

Therm. 57° at sunrise
87° at 1 P.M.
65° at 9 " " } Sun shorn of his beams by smoke & haze all
day, but visible. Sultry. Stars dim.
Wind W.S.W. at 7 N.N.W. next N.E. next S.E.
till noon. Next S. & some S.S.E. till night.

John A. Judd assigned his property to-day. Oren Kingslay died the same on Wednesday. Neither of them will pay much over 50 cents on a dollar. O.K. owes me over 200 dollars when I have no security. — Wrote to G.W.
Then failures make much talk. Westhampton will suffer severely.

Hot week at Wattham. C.F. says the 7 days from July 13 to 19 inclusive were warmer than almost any week for a long time. The thermometer was as follows:—

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|-----------------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|----|--|
| 13th at sunrise | 63. | at 2 P.M. | 88. | at 9 P.M. | 75 | Average of the week 79 ¹⁶ / ₂₁ . C.F. says the 17th July was the hottest day since July 22 1830. The week was not near so warm here — the temperature averaged 75 ² / ₇ i 48 deg. lower than at Wattham. |
| 14 " " | 75. | " " | 91 | " " | 78 | |
| 15 " " | 68 | " " | 93 | " " | 78 | |
| 16 " " | 62 | " " | 96 | " " | 81 | |
| 17 " " | 70 | " " | 99 | " " | 81 | |
| 18 " " | 77 | " " | 89 | " " | 78 | |
| 19 " " | 75 | " " | 90 | " " | 68 | |

Temperature of July here.

At sunrise 59 ²⁵/₃₁ } Average
At 1 P.M. 83 ⁷/₃₁ } 69 ²⁸/₃₁ or 69.85.
At 9 " " 66 ¹⁶/₃₁ }

{ July was not so warm here as in 1838 & 1839. Yet days were warmer than in 1839 but nights considerably colder.

Clear days 21½ } Winds — S. 7 days. N.W. 6½. S.E. 5 — N. 3. N.E. 3
Cloudy do 9½ } W 3 " S.W. 2½. E 1 —

July has been a dry, sultry month — air less clear & elastic than for some years past. For pleasantness, it will not compare with the hotter July of 1838. There have been very great dews. Vegetation has advanced with sufficient rapidity, except in places hurt by the drought. Hay, rye, oats, &c are mostly gathered, & the crops are generally good. Not much wheat sowed. Second crop of hay will be light owing to drought, though some pieces will be good, & many may revive. Corn looks extremely well. Some people have roast ears in their gardens — not in their fields.

Ripe apples and pears have been about for a week or more in small quantities. The dry weather has retarded & injured potatoes. A few new potatoes were offered 4 or 5 days ago. Whortleberries have been abundant for a week or more — they began at 8 cents & now sell at 6 cents & some at 5 cents. For two or three days past, large parties have been from this place to Pelham &c. to pick & gather whortleberries. Grate Apples have just begun to turn red.

Rain at Wattham in 3 months, May, June, July. Average for 16 years 11.36 inches
Least in 1826; 6.61 inches; 1840; 6.78 inches; 1825; 8.12; 1836; 8.30 — others over 10 inches
Most in 1828; 17.41 " ; 1834; 15.06 " ; 1830; 13.91; 1831; 13.39 — others under 13 "

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Saturday 1. } Cloudy and a little Rain. Mostly clear after 4½ P.M.
Therm. 64° at sunrise } Cloudy again in Evening.
76 at 1 P.M. } Wind N. after 10 N.N.E. till after 1. Then N.
69 at 9 " " } and a little E of N. till night.

Lent brother Parsons 50 dollars from my bank deposit. Took his note
Paid Mrs Abel's milk bill 7½ quarts \$2.86, from May 23
to July 20. Have since had milk of Mrs Shepard.

Sunday 2. } Mostly clear. Mostly cloudy at 7. All cloudy before 12. A fine
Therm. 62 at sunrise } Shower from W. at 4. Partly clear after sunset.
84 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.W. at 7 S.E. till after 2. At 3, S.S.W. At 4½
69 at 9 " " } during shower about W. At 5½ S.E. till night.

Mr Wiley preached A.M. and P.M. About 20 admitted to the church.

Monday 3. } Mostly clear but many clouds. All cloudy at 1. Thunder shown
Therm. 68° at sunrise } and N. about 2. Some rain from 2 to 3. Partly clear after 4½.
82 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.S.W. soon S. continued S. till 1 then S.S.W.
70 at 9 " " } After 2 during the rain, S.W. next S. till night.

Tuesday 4. } Clear. Grey sky & some clouds. Evening cloudy.
Therm. 64° at sunrise } Began to rain at 8½ evening, gently; ceased at 9½.
85 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.S.E. soon S. till noon and till night
73 at 9 " " }

Wednesday 5. } Mostly cloudy. Clear after 9. Pleasant day. Evening
Therm. 68° at sunrise } half clear.
80 at 1 P.M. } Wind W.N.W. some W. till noon & till after 5, then
69 at 9 " " } S.W. till night. A little rain in the night.

The late rains, though not heavy, have refreshed vegetation, and
every thing acquires. Broom corn begins to show the
heads or panicles. Rowen has revived. Corn is luxuriant.

Thursday 6. } Clear. After 12 many clouds - about half clear till night
Therm. 54° at sunrise } evening cloudy. Some rain after 8½ - not much.
84 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.W. soon S.S.E. & S. till after 12. Next S.W.
67 at 9 " " } at 4½ W.N.W. at 7 N.W.

Elazar Judah here - he is in trouble.

Hadley bell very distinct at 9 o'clock last night & tonight.

Friday 7. } Clear, till after 12. Mostly cloudy at 1 and till near sunset.
Therm. 56° at sunrise } evening clear.
76 at 1 P.M. } Wind W.S.W. - after 9 N.W. at 2½ S.W. & till night.
64 at 9 " " }

Arthusa & Apphia arrived from Plymouth N.H. by way of Boston
at 3 P.M. They have been absent a year wanting one week.

Saturday 8. } Clear, till after 12. Mostly cloudy at 1. Afternoon about half
Therm. 53° at sunrise } cloudy. Evening clear. There was a little rain at 6.
82 at 1 P.M. } Wind N. soon N.E. Continued N.E. some S.E. till noon.
58 at 9 " " } " P.M. S.S.W. and some S.W. till night.

Sunday 9. } Some clouds & fog - partly clear. All clear before 1. & till night.
Therm. 50° at sunrise } Azure sky. Good air. Fine day & evening.
78 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.W. at 6½ S.E. at 10 S. at 10½ N.W. till night
56 at 9 " " }

Mr. Allen preached A.M. Mr. Wiley P.M.

Katahdin - I heard last evening - first time this season.

Monday 10. } Clear. After 12 many clouds. Mostly clear after 4½
Therm. 50° at sunrise } Pleasant day and evening.
81 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.S.E. at 8 S.E. at 11 S.W. at 12 N.N.W.
58 at 9 " " } at 2 W.N.W. till night.

Eichnedia is in full bloom; Japan white lily shows blossoms.

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Tuesday 11. } Clear mostly. Mostly cloudy all day after 8.
 The therm. 49° at sunrise } Halo at 8½. Much thunder in evening. No rain.
 80 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.S.E. soon E.N.E. before noon S. and
 68 at 9 " " } continued Southwily till night.

Walked to South Hadley & back with Hall. I went on business relating to brother Smith's estate. Sylvester came from Augusta, in Maine.

Vegetation. The heads of broom corn in many fields are fully out; in others about half are out; in a few not so many. Many pieces of Indian corn are forward enough for roasting ears; some pieces are not so forward. These will be good rowen on many mowings; 2 crops of heads-grass is in blossom on homelots, and red clover blossoms are fading.

In the evening, attended an abolition meeting in the Town Hall, in reference to political action. Rev. A.A. Phelps, speaker.

Wednesday 12. } Fog & clouds. Partly clear at 9½. Very little sunshine.
 Therm. 60° at sunrise } Clear cloudy before 2. Thunder shower S. of us. Only a
 80 at 1 P.M. } sprinkling here. Evening cloudy.
 68 at 9 " " } Wind S.S.W. next S.S.E. at 8 S.E. & some S.S.E. till noon.
 " P.M. S. after 5, S.W. till night.

Sylvester & Arctura went to Deerfield & returned. J. Walker, wife & Albert arrived in the evening.

Thursday 13. — Thunder shower in the night between 11 & 12. Considerable rain.
 Therm. 66° at sunrise } Cloudy all day. Shower at 4¼.
 80 at 1 P.M. } Rainy evening.
 70 at 9 " " } Wind S.S.W. at 8 S.S.E. till noon and till 4½
 at 4½ S.S.W. till night.

Friday 14. } Rainy night—much water fell. Rainy morning
 Therm. 70° at sunrise } Rain ceased at 6. Cloudy till afternoon
 86 at 1 P.M. } mostly clear after 1, & pleasant. Evening bright.
 66 at 9 " " } Wind S.S.W. next W. next S.W. & W.S.W. till noon.
 " P.M. W. next S.W. till night

Saturday 15. } Clear. Fine day and bright evening.
 Therm. 56° at sunrise } Wind N.W. at 7 S. at 8½ W. till noon.
 77 at 1 P.M. } " P.M. N.W. and W.N.W. till night.
 57 at 9 " "

Sunday 16. } Cloudy. Partly clear at 1 and mostly clear
 Therm. 53° at sunrise } after 2 and pleasant. Evening bright.
 80 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.N.E. till after 2. Before 4, S.S.W. till
 58 at 9 " " } night.

Mr Bond of S. Hadley preached A.M. Mr. Todd of Phila. P.M. Sylvester preached for the Unitarians to-day.

Monday 17. } Some fog & clouds. Clear after 7½, all day & evening.
 Therm. 54° at sunrise } Wind N. next N.E. next S.E. till noon.
 80 at 1 P.M. } do P.M. mostly S. till night.
 66 at 9 " "

Creditors of Oren Kingsley & John A. Judd met to-day. C. J. Hooker and others here to dinner, &c. — Arctura & Apphia started for New Haven this morning.

Tuesday 18. } Cloudy & foggy. Partly clear after 10. Mostly clear
 Therm. 38° at sunrise } in afternoon & evening.
 86 at 1 P.M. } Wind in forenoon E. and N. and S. — P.M. S. & S.S.W.
 70 at 9 " " }
 J.W. his wife, Abner & Hall started for Hartford this morning.
 Court week—many people about.

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Wednesday 19. } Cloudy. Clear after 9 till night & in evening.
 Therm. 66° at sunrise } Aurora Borealis.
 85 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.S.W. at 7 S.W. at 10 S.S.E. till noon.
 68 at 9 " " } " P.M. S.E. next S. next S.S.W. till night.

Thursday 20. } Foggy. Clear at 8 & rest of day & evening. Much
 Therm. 61° at sunrise } complaint of heat.
 86 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.N.E. next N.E. next S.E. till noon.
 82 at 6 " " } " P.M. - S.E. and S.S.E.
 70 at 9 " "

Wrote to Gen. E. Mattoon about his ancestors.

Friday 21. } Clear all day. Sultry. Grey sky. Complaints of heat.
 Therm. 62 at sunrise }
 88 at 1 P.M. } Wind N. some hours. Before 11. S.S.E. till noon.
 72 at 9 " " } " P.M. - S.S.E. next S.S.W. next S.W. at sunset S.S.E.

Sylvester started for Boston & Augusta at 9½ A.M.

G. Parkman, Arthur & Apphia arrived from New Haven in the evening.

Saturday 22 } Clouds & fog. Clear at 9½ with flying clouds. Hot day.
 Therm. 68° at sunrise } Evening clear. Very dry.
 90 at 1 P.M. } Wind S. next S.S.E. till noon. P.M. S. and
 75 at 9 " " } Southerly till night. Lightning in the night.

Hall & Hopkin came to-day.

Sunday 23 } Cloudy. Mostly clear at 10. Thunder Shower went
 Therm. 71° at sunrise } N. of us at 12 & another at 1. Th. Shower here at 1½. Cloudy
 84 at 1 P.M. } till night.
 70 at 9 " " } Wind S.S.W. at 10 S.E. at 12½ N. and
 continued Northerly during the shower. At 2 S. and
 continued Southerly till night. Clouds different from
 Vane. Some rain & considerable thunder after 2
 and in evening. There has been much Thunder to-day.
 A boy killed by lightning on Pawnee Plain.

Mr Wiley preached all day. But few there in afternoon.

Monday 24 } Mostly clear all day. Fine day & evening.
 Therm. 66° at sunrise }
 82 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.W. and W.N.W. till noon and till night.
 62 at 9 " "

Tuesday 25 } Half clear. All clear at 9. Fine day & evening.
 Therm. 60° at sunrise }
 79 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.W. (continued Northwesterly all day).
 58 at 9 " "

I walked to Westhampton. There was an auction John A. Judd's goods. I purchased but little. Returned on foot in the evening. Walked 14 miles to-day. When I returned the Katadids were very noisy in all pieces of woods except pine woods; also thick in South Street. Buckwheat fields are white with blossoms. Some white daisy blossoms still remain.

Wednesday 26 } Clear all day & pleasant. Evening mostly clear.
 Therm. 52° at sunrise }
 82 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.N.W. next N.E. next N. next S.S.W.
 62 at 9 " " } At noon S.S.W. next S.S.E. next S. till night.

Commencement at Amherst. Hopkin & Apphia went.

Was at several places with Rev. Josiah Clark of Rutland.

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Thursday 27. } Mostly clear till noon. $\frac{2}{3}$ cloudy P.M.
 Therm. 56° at sunrise } Evening mostly clear.
 86 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.S.E. & S. till noon. P.M. mostly S.
 66 at 9 " " } Great whig-meeting at Westfield today.

Friday 28. } Mostly cloudy. Clear at 8. Afternoon $\frac{1}{2}$ cloudy.
 Therm. 61° at sunrise } Evening mostly cloudy.
 84 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.N.E. next N.E. at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ S.S.E. & till noon
 66 at 9 " " } and till near night.

Settled with Arctura for what she has furnished Apphia &c.
 Apphia had 3 or 4 dollars when she reached Plymouth last year;
 and she earned while there 26 dollars & some cents. But her
 expenses while there were over 42 dollars; so that I owed
 Arctura 11.74 and 1.57 for her, or 13.31. for expenses while at
 Plymouth. Also 12.17 for her expenses from Plymouth to
 Northampton. So I owed Arctura for Apphia 25.48; and
 for what she let Parkman have at New Haven 10.30, making
 \$35.78. I paid this in cash 34.56, & balance of old note 1.22.
 Arctura has paid for Apphia's expenses to & from, & at New Haven
 and will pay return expenses to Plymouth - these things to her
 adjusted hereafter. I was entirely opposed to Apphia's going to
 New Haven. - Stock 50 dells from my bank deposited.

Saturday 29. } Half cloudy. Mostly clear at 9. Afternoon $\frac{1}{2}$ cloudy.
 Therm. 58° at sunrise } Evening mostly clear.
 82 at 1 P.M. } Wind W. soon N.N.W. at 9 S.E. next S.S.E. till noon.
 64 at 9 " " } Afternoon, S.S.W. and some S.W.

Sunday 30 } Mostly cloudy till 1 P.M. After 1 Mostly clear till night.
 Therm. 58° at sunrise } Evening mostly clear.
 80 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.S.W. next S. Continued S. & some S.S.E.
 67 at 9 " " } all day.

Mr Wiley preached A.M. Mr. A. B. Warner. P.M.

Monday 31. } Cloudy. Clear at 9. Afternoon mostly cloudy.
 Therm. 68° at sunrise } it small shower at 6. Evening clear.
 84 at 1 P.M. } Wind S. till noon. P.M. S.S.W. till 2. After 2 N.W.
 62 at 9 " " } and W.N.W. mostly, till night.

Arctura & Apphia started for Plymouth. N.H. by way of Boston
 at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$. Apphia has had besides the above 25.48, goods to the
 amount of 6 or 7 dollars, & cash for passage to Rail road & other things.
 about 1.50.

Mean Temperature of August in Northampton.

At sunrise 60 $\frac{2}{3}$ } Average } About the same as July here. ~~in summer~~
 At 1 P.M. 82 $\frac{7}{31}$ } 69 $\frac{32}{91}$ } Warmer than August 1838 and 1839
 At 9 " " 65 $\frac{23}{31}$ } and many preceding years.

Clear Days 19 $\frac{1}{2}$. Cloudy 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Winds. S. 14 days; N.W. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$; N.E. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$; S.E. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$; S.W. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$; W. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; N 1 $\frac{1}{2}$; 6 $\frac{1}{2}$

Temp. at Portsmouth N.H. for August. 4 weeks only.

1840 { At 6 A.M. 63 $\frac{2}{3}$ } Average } Past years at P. Aug. 1835, 65 $\frac{1}{3}$; 1836, 62 $\frac{2}{3}$
 { At 1 P.M. 76 $\frac{2}{3}$ } 68 $\frac{3}{4}$ } 1837, 62 $\frac{1}{4}$; 1838, 67; 1839 67 $\frac{3}{4}$
 { At 9 " " 66 } }

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31st. This month has been an old fashioned dog day month - with its fogs, clouds, showers, thunder & lightning, heat, sultriness, &c. Vegetation looks well - not quite rain enough, still all the growing crops, as corn, broomcorn, potatoes, &c. look remarkably well. There will be a great deal of rowen. People have been mowing homelots for a week or two past. Pigeons are selling at 2/6 doz. Many kinds of apples are ripe - sell 2/ to 3/. Some small pieces of corn are ripe. Some pumpkins are yellow or ripe.

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Tuesday 1. } Clear all day. Pleasant day & Evening.
Therm. 52° at sunrise }
79 at 12 M. } Wind W. N. W. all day.
56 at 9 " " }

Wrote to E. C. Bacon, Litchfield, in reply to his of Aug. 25. Gave Hall a note for 25 dollars instead of the note dated April 24, 1840 (See May 4, 1840). Paid him interest to this date. [See June 4, 1841. Cousin Samuel Edwards here.

Wednesday 2. Hall starts for Bloomfield, near Hartford, this morning. He has been here most of the time since April 24. Therm. 55 at sunrise } Cloudy all day. Some sprinklings. Evening cloudy.
68 at 1 P.M. }
60 at 9 " " } Wind S. mostly till noon. P.M. S.W. at 4 W. at 5 N.W. at sunset W.

Sylvestra came from Augusta this afternoon.

Thursday 3. } Mostly clear. Some curly clouds. Fine day & Evening.
Therm. 52° at sunrise }
74 at 1 P.M. } Wind W. N. W. & N. W. all day.
50 at 9 " " }

Friday 4. } Cold night. Clear & pleasant. Some haze P.M. Evening mostly clear.
Therm. 40° at sunrise }
71 at 1 P.M. } Wind N. at 9 N.E. continued between N. and N.E. (inclu-
53 at 9 " " } sive) till after 4. Then S.E. & S.S.E. till night.

Saturday 5. } Cloudy & cold. Some rain P.M. Rainy Evening.
Therm. 52° at sunrise }
61 at 1 P.M. } Wind S. & N.E. some N. till noon. P.M. mostly N.E.
53 at 9 " " } Fine comfortable to-day.

Hopkins starts for "Rainbow" in Windsor this morning - has been here 2 weeks.

Sunday 6. } Cloudy. Mostly Clear at 10. Pleasant day & evening.
Therm. 55° at 4 P.M. }
76 at 9 P.M. } Wind W. at 9 N. N. E. at 9 1/2 N. N. W. before 1 N. W. and N. W. till night.

Mr. Danforth, preached to-day - of Hadley

Monday 7. } Clear except some fog. Fine day & evening
Therm. 46° at sunrise }
78 at 1 P.M. } Wind S. N. W. after 7 1/2 S.E. till noon. Next E. S. E.
57 at 9 " " } at 1 1/2 E at sunset S.W.

Tuesday 8. } Mostly clear. Thin clouds about. Clouds increased P.M. all cloudy at 6 & in evening.
Therm. 46° at sunrise }
82 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.W. at 8 S.E. next S.S.E. & some S. till noon.
66 at 9 " " } Afternoon mostly S.

Lettu from Apphia at Plymouth.

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Wednesday 9. } Cloudy mostly but some sunshine, till noon.
Therm. 62 at sunrise } moon clear P.M. but mostly cloudy. Ev. & cloudy.
78 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.E. next S. till noon and till night.
68 at 9 " " }
Great whig gathering at Bunker Hill. About 50
are said to have gone from this town. The great
day is tomorrow.

Thursday 10. } Mostly clear, but many clouds. A.M. Mostly
Therm. 64 at sunrise } cloudy & some sprinklings P.M. & Evening.
77 at 1 P.M. } Some rain at night.
61 at 9 " " } Wind Southerly mostly. Some W. N. W.

I walked out to Wethampten to attend O'Kingsley's auction.
C. Parkman went with me. Came in in evening.

Friday 11 } Clear. Fine day. Evening mostly cloudy
Therm. 54 at sunrise }
72 at 1 P.M. } Wind W. after 10 W. N. W. Afternoon N. W.
56 at 9 " " }

Saturday 12. } Clear and cool. Some clouds P.M. Ev. & clear.
Therm. 48 at sunrise }
68 at 1 P.M. } Wind N. N. W. till noon. P.M. first N. N. W.
42 at 9 " " } towards night N. N. E. — at sunset N. E.

Sunday 13. } Some white frost, & some tender vegetables killed.
Therm. 36 at sunrise } Clear. Fog came on — off again before 8.
61 at 1 P.M. } Pleasant cool day & evening
41 at 9 " " } Wind N. N. W. at 8 N. N. E. and was N. N. E. till
sunset — then N.

Mr. Tyler preached A.M. at George Sheldon P.M.

Monday 14. } White Frost — more severe than yesterday
Therm. 32 at sunrise } Clear all day & evening. Pleasant.
69 at 1 P.M. } Wind N. next N. N. E. next N. E. till noon
55 at 9 " " } and till after 2. Next N. Next N. N. W. till night

Chestu Parsons wife of Skaneateles here to day.

Tuesday 15. } Nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ cloudy A.M. but pleasant all day.
Therm. 51 at sunrise } P.M. & evening clear.
74 at 1 P.M. } Wind South & Southw. A.M. Northw. P.M.
52 at 9 " " } At sunset N. W.

Wednesday 16. } Foggy. Clear. Fine day & evening
Therm. 42 at sunrise }
76 at 1 P.M. } Wind N. to N. E. in the forenoon.
60 at 9 " " } " S. S. E. in the afternoon

Democratic Gathering at Springfield to-day

Thursday 17. } Cloudy & foggy — Clear after 10 mostly till towards
Therm. 56 at sunrise } night. Evening partly cloudy. Day pleasant.
76 at 1 P.M. }
58 at 9 " " } Wind S. W. at 10. S. E. towards noon S.
do S. S. E. and S. in afternoon.

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Friday 18. } Cloudy. A little rain A.M. and several showers
Therm. 62. at Sunrise } in afternoon. Evening rainy after 8.
73 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.E. and S.S.E. some S. all day.
63 at 9 " " }

Saturday 19. } Rained most of the night, & rains this morning.
Therm. 57. at Sunrise } Ceased at 7 1/2. Cleared off at 8 1/2. Fine day & evening
68 at 1 P.M. } Wind W. at 8. S.W. at 9. W. and continued W. and
46 at 9 " " } W.N.W. all day.

2^d Meeting of O. Kingsley's creditors. I was occupied with this business.

Sunday 20. } Clear mostly A.M. Cloudy P.M. and Evening.
Therm. 46 at sunrise }
65 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.E. at 8. S.S.W. till after 10 1/2.
58 at 9 " " } In afternoon, S.W.

Mr Wiley preached A.M. Mr Solomon Clark P.M.
Sister Hooker here.

Monday 21 } Clear & cool A.M. Mostly cloudy P.M. & Evening
Therm. 46. at sunrise } Pleasant day.
58 at 1 P.M. } Wind W.N.W. and N.W. all day.
44 at 9 " " }

Made a settlement with Eleanora Judd about some matters.

Gave up to him 2 Notes — 1 dated May 1. 1835, for 85 dollars (use of my land)
50 dollars paid Dec. 8. 1838 — now due principal & interest, — 57. 14
1 dated May 6. 1836, 7.50 — no interest (for old chain) — 7.50
Rec. of him 2 bush. potatoes 1838, 75; 1/2 bushels apples 1839, 75. — 1.50 } 64. 64
Rec. of him 2 8 yds broad cloth Sept. 1. 1840, 24.50 — 9.56 } 11.06
New note this day ----- \$ 53. 58

Also my note against John A. Judd as principal and Eleanora Judd
as surety for \$297. 65, dated May 2. 1836. — on which his book
accounts was issued. 6.60. July, 1840 — due principal and interest
for which E. J. has this day given me his note — 369. 35 &
I have given up the note of J. A. J. & E. J.

Tuesday 22 } Clouds. Clear at 7 and all day. Pleasant day & evening
Therm. 40 at sunrise }
58 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.N.W. & some N.W. till near night.
38 at 9 " " } At sunset W.

Wednesday 23. } Cloudy. Clear after 10. Pleasant day & evening.
Therm. 40 at sunrise }
67 at 10 A.M. } Wind S.S.W. and some S. A.M. Afternoon N.W.
46 at 9 " " }

Thursday 24 } Clear almost all day, and evening. Pleasant.
Therm. 39 at sunrise }
65 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.E. at 9 E. next E.S.E. — next S.S.E. till noon.
44 at 9 " " } do P.M. mostly S.E. but some E.S.E. & S.S.E.

Friday 25 } Cloudy A.M. Clear P.M. and Evening & Pleasant.
Therm. 44 at sunrise }
68 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.S.W.; at 8 S.S.E. till noon. P.M. mostly S.S.E.
48 at 9 " " }

Saturday 26 } Cloudy & fog. Clear after 10. Fine day & evening.
Therm. 46 at sunrise }
68 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.E. & some S.S.E. till after 4; next S. and
55 at 9 " " } at sunset S.S.W.

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Sunday 27.

Therm. 50° at sunrise
72 at 1 P.M.
50 at 9 " "

Cloudy. Soon clear. Cloudy again before 1 & till night.
Some rain after 3. Clear at 8.
Wind S.S.W. next S.S.E. till after 10½.
do. P.M. S.S.W. and S.W.

Mr. Wiley preached A.M. and P.M.

Monday 28.

Therm. 41° at sunrise
60 at 1 P.M.
42 at 9 " "

Clear & Pleasant. Evening rather dim.
Wind N. and N.E. till noon. P.M. mostly N.E.
but at sunset N.W.

Sylvester left us this morning for Augusta, Maine, where he expects to be ordained on Thursday of this week, as pastor of the Unitarian Society there. He has preached at Deerfield, the four last Sabbaths, to fulfill an engagement made some months since. Sylvester paid me the 10 dollar note he gave last year. (See April 17, 1839.)

Tuesday 29

Therm. 34° at sunrise
69 at 1 P.M.
46 at 9 " "

Some frost. Some fog & smoke, but sun shone till towards night, then clouds. Evening dimly clear.
Wind N.N.E. next N.E. next S.E. & S.S.E. till noon,
do. P.M. S.S.E. till towards night, then S.W.

Wednesday 30.

Therm. 42° at sunrise
70 at 1 P.M.
55 at 9 " "

Foggy & clouds. Mostly cloudy till noon. All cloudy in afternoon. A little rain in evening.
Wind S.E. till 11, then N.E. till after 12.
" P.M. N.E. and N.N.E. mostly N.N.E.

A great muster of Independent companies to day. Much noise, much rum-drinking. Gen. Sedgwick of Sharon Con. called on me.

September has not been unpleasant, though some cold days. The frosts have done very little damage - they were not severe, and there was but little to be injured by them. Corn & broom-corn were too far advanced generally to be hurt by a frost, had it been severe. The squash & pumpkin vines were only partially killed by frost - beans not killed, squash & pumpkins are still blossoming.

Almost all trees in fields & forests are green, and very few leaves have fallen. The leaves of many trees, however, have changed their color in some degree - as from green to pale green, to greenish yellow, and other hues, and a few are reddish, yellow, &c. These changes are probably more the effect of old age than of frost. The maples are spotted with red leaves; the elms are yellowish green, & the outside ash leaves are reddish brown. Mt. Holyoke is considerably spotted with light green, yellow, &c. Round Hill is some spotted, but mostly full green.

All crops have been good this season. Rye, grass, corn, broom-corn, Oats, potatoes, apples, &c. Oats & Potatoes were not so good as they sometimes are.

There has been no equinoctial storm, nor any thing resembling one.

Thermometer here for September -

At sunrise 47 $\frac{13}{30}$
At 1 P.M. 70 $\frac{1}{30}$
At 9 " " 52 $\frac{13}{30}$

Average } September has been colder than an average.
Clear days 20½ - Cloudy days 9½

Wind. N.W. 7 days; S. 7½; S.E. 4½; N.E. 4; N. 2½; W. 2; S.W. 1½; E. ½.

Thermometer at Portsmouth, N.H. 4 weeks in September in 6 years, viz at 6. 1. & 9 o'clock - Average was

in 1835, 58 $\frac{5}{12}$; 1836, 58 $\frac{7}{12}$; 1837, 55 $\frac{7}{12}$; 1838, 60°; 1839, 60 $\frac{4}{12}$; 1840, 59 $\frac{6}{12}$

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Thursday 1. } Rainy night & it rains some this morning. Only drizzly
Therm. 54° at sunrise } till noon. Cloudy till night & in evening, & some sprinklings.
56 at 1 P.M. }
50 at 9 " " } Wind N. till noon; and N.N.E. from noon till night.

Friday 2. } Cloudy all day. No rain. Some sprinkling in the
Therm. 50° at sunrise } evening.
65 at 1 P.M. }
59 at 9 " " } Wind N. soon N.N.E. till noon and till night.

Saturday 3. } Rained some in the night. Drizzle this morning.
Therm. 61° at sunrise } Rained by turns P.M. Mostly clear at sunset & in evening.
71 at 1 P.M. }
48 at 9 " " } Wind S.S.W. next S. till noon & brisk, & till 2 P.M.
After 2, N.W. and W.N.W. till night.
Elm leaves are falling - and some from a few other trees.

Sunday 4 } A little frost. Clear. Fine day & evening.
Therm. 32° at sunrise } Fine Orange Sunset.
62 at 1 P.M. }
50 at 9 " " } Wind W.S.W. next S.S.W. till noon.
do. afternoon mostly S. at sunset S.S.W.
Mr. Wiley preached A.M. and P.M. Sacrament.

Monday 5 } Clear. Most beautiful day, and evening.
Therm. 36° at sunrise }
68 at 1 P.M. }
55 at 9 " " } Wind S.S.W.; at 9 S.S.E. till noon. After 12 S.E. next S.
till night.

Two fine days with south wind. The trees are fast putting
on new leaves. Mt. Holyoke is quite variegated with yellow,
brown, reddish; and so are the trees in this village. The maples
are red, elms yellow, ashes reddish brown, &c. This can hardly
be the effect of frost - The crickets still keep up their evening
music, but the grasshoppers are mostly silent.

Tuesday 6 } Clear. Delightful day & evening.
Therm. 40° at sunrise }
72 at 1 P.M. }
56 at 9 " " } Wind S; next S.S.E.; next S.E. till noon.
" P.M. S.S.E. - S. and S.S.W.

This is the 3d very fine day, with South wind.

Wednesday 7. } Clear. Very fine day & evening.
Therm. 42° at sunrise }
66 at 1 P.M. }
46 at 9 " " } Wind N.N.W.; at 8 N.N.E. till near noon.
do. P.M. N.N.W. next W.N.W. Towards sunset - E.S.E.

This is the 4th very fine day. A little shower, with the
usual accompaniments of noise, drinking, &c.

Settled butler account with brother Parsons. Have had since June 1.
butler at 14cts, and 1/2 penny to 8.54; had cash 4.00, & taxes he paid on my
Parsonage share for last year 1.46 - all 14.05. He owes me (on June 4) 12.39 and 3/4
making 12.7/8. So I now owe him 1.27.

Had apples for Mrs. Brewer - paid him & renewed the old note.

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Thursday 8. } Some frost. Clear. Pleasant day & evening.

Therm. 34° at sunrise
64 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.N.E. - next E. - next S.E. till noon.
50 at 9 " " } do. P.M. - S.S.E. - S. and S.S.W.

5th fine day. Second day of Battle Snow.

Chestnuts are plenty - Walnuts also are ripe.

Friday 9. } foggy & clouds. Partly clear from 10 to 1; then all cloudy

Therm. 48° at sunrise } till night. Evening mostly cloudy.

60 at 1 P.M. } Wind at 8. N.N.W. at 9 1/2 N.N.E. till noon and
46 at 9 " " } night, and brisk.

Went to S. Hadley to see Pier Smith & others - found all gone to a
whig convention at Springfield. Spent an hour or two in the graveyard.

Vegetation. The trees on Holyoke & Town are in their autumn
glory. Almost all deciduous trees have changed their green
color for red, yellow, purple, orange &c. Some retain their
green. I believe these are oaks mostly, but a few others. Some leaves
are brown & dead, but not many. The leaves are falling.

Apple, cherry, peach & other fruit trees are still green. In
the meadow, pumpkin vines are green & still blossoming.
Moose corn is partly gathered, and part is standing, & some topped.
The seed is ripe. And in corn & potatoes partly gathered, partly not.
Grass is green, & fresh clover blossoms appear. Late beans in
gardens are as green as ever, & squash vines are blossoming.
Pumpkins are plenty. Chestnut burrs are open and
shagbark walnuts are falling. Every thing is ripe
this year, & almost every thing is productive.

Saturday 10. } Clear & off in the night. Heavy frost this
Therm. 28° at sunrise } morning - first killing frost this season.
56 at 1 P.M. } Clear all day, Evening mostly clear, Halo ab. moon.
42 at 9 " " } Wind N.N.E. at 10 N.E. & some E.N.E. till noon,
do. P.M. mostly S.E.; some S.S.E.

Sunday 11. } Cloudy. Some sprinklings A.M. Some rain P.M.
Therm. 48° at sunrise } Began to clear off at 9 P.M.
56 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.S.W. - after 9 S. till noon and till night.
60 at 9 " " } Mr. Wiley preached all day.

Monday 12. } Clear. Many clouds after 11, but more clear than
Therm. 55° at sunrise } cloudy. Evening mostly clear.
60 at 1 P.M. } Wind W.N.W. forenoon; and N.W. afternoon
40 at 9 " " }

Tuesday 13. } Clear. Fine day and evening.
Therm. 36° at sunrise } Wind W.N.W. and N.W. till after 3, then
56 at 1 P.M. } W.S.W.
36 at 9 " " }

Wednesday 14. } Clear & frosty. Fine day & evening.
Therm. 31° at sunrise } Wind S.W.; after 8 S.S.E. till noon. Afternoon mostly
70 at 1 P.M. } W. but some S.W. and W.N.W.
50 at 9 " " }

Thursday 15. } Clear & frosty. Fine day & evening.
Therm. 32° at sunrise } Wind N.E. - at 10 N.W. till noon & till after 2.
54 at 1 P.M. } After 2. N.N.W. till night.
34 at 9 " " }

Paid my milk bill to Mrs. Shepard, from July 20 to this date, viz
100 quarts, \$4.00. Paid postage bill for newspapers for this
quarter - 0.58. Paid Dr. Hall yesterday \$2. for use of a little
land for garden this season. Paid Mrs. Ingalls yesterday & before
\$3.96 for making 12 shirts, viz. 4 for me at 2/6. 4 for Hall at 2/-
4 Parkman (infant) half a year. 96 cents for 4.

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Thursday 15 - continued.

C. Parkman left us this morning - is going South in pursuit of a school, he knows not where. He has been here since Aug. 21. He has had of me since he entered college about 240 dollars for which I have made no charge - all in money except a few dollars in goods for which I had to pay money. This is exclusive of his shirt, & stockings, which he and the other boys have had at home. (See May 21. 1839; Sept. 26. 1839; and June 2. 1840. He has had some dollars since he came from New Haven, in goods, &c. perhaps 3 or 4.)

In addition to the 240 dollars, he has had of Stephen Johnson of Hockanum (Interest paid 1 year to Sept. 15. 1840) \$100.
and of Hamp. Miss. Society, (Interest from May 28. 1840) 100.
My name is to these two notes as surety. 200.

In addition to the 200 dollars, he owes me for money had July 5. 1840, \$35 - Aug. 28. 10. 30 - and this day 110 dollars. and 6 dollars in interest on Johnson's note 1 year, paid in September - all amounting to \$161. He gave me a note this day for \$161.

I took the rest of my money deposited at the bank to pay C. P. \$200 were deposited in July (1st July 17) - of which 50 were withdrawn for Apphia &c (see Aug. 28) and 50 for brother Parsons August 1. and 100 for Parkman yesterday.

I yesterday received my October dividend at the bank, 4 per cent on 7 shares, - 28 dollars.

The whigs raised a famous liberty pole here yesterday and have filled it with flags, indicating whig victories in the states, &c. Some rascal sawed down the old pole on Monday night. The whigs have been wide awake for months; they have resorted to all means & measures to ensure success; and their exertions, with the hard times, so called, have effected much. They may gain the presidency, and they may not.

Friday 16

Severe frost - ground frozen. Clear all day & Evening

Therm. 24° at Sunrise.
51° at 1 P.M.
29° at 9 " "

Wind N. next N.E. - continued nearly all day between N. and N.E.

Went to Perez Smith's, S. Hadley, Thome, on foot - about 15 miles. Dined at Emerson Bates'. Settled with him this wife my account as her guardian. Paid her the balance due to her, and took a receipt in full. Thus my guardianship accounts are closed.

Vegetation on Mt Holyoke has grown darker since last week. There is less yellow. Most of the trees are more or less brown or red; - brown, reddish brown, reddish, and yellowish brown are the principal colors. - The leaves of apple & other fruit trees seem to fall while the color is green.

Saturday 17

Clear & cold. Clouds came on before noon. All cloudy at 1 and till night and evening.

Therm. 20° at Sunrise.
54° at 1 P.M.
40° at 9 " "

Wind N. N.E. &c till noon. Afternoon, E. S. E. next, S. - after 3, S. S. W. till night

Walked to Amherst from 6 to 8 1/2 - Charles Hannum paid me his note at Pitkin & Kellogg's store, \$16. Note given 1837 for 241 dolls, some cents, 30 paid at 3 times, but interest was between 4 and 5 dollars - so due now \$16. I took the goods on my shoulder (between 15 and 20 pounds) and walked home. - The deciduous trees between Hadley & Amherst are mostly oaks, & nearly all of these are reddish or reddish brown. The singing birds have left the groves. The caw of the crow, the scream of the jay, & there & there a chirp from small birds are the only bird sounds I heard. Saw a few blackbirds.

Bought a piece of cotton 4 1/2 wide, 31 yards at 11 cents = 3.41. It weighed 16 lbs. and cost 34 cents a pound.

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Sunday 18 } Cloudy all day and evening
Therm. 42° at sunrise
54 at 1 P.M. } Wind W.; at 8 N.W. — at 10 N.
50 at 9 " " } at 6 P.M. N.W.W. — intermediate time not observed.

Walked out to East Hampton to attend the funeral of Wm. Lyman an estimable young man, a step-son of sister Lyman. Walked home again — have walked about 40 miles in the 3 past days. — Dr. Penny preached here A.M. with Kirk, P.M. evening.

Vegetation. — on East Hampton Road. White oaks are red or reddish brown; some red or black oaks are yet green. Chestnuts are yellowish brown, & brown. White birches are yellow & green. Leaves of butternuts have all fallen — leaves of walnuts are brown & dead and mostly fallen. Maples are yellow & some a little reddish, but the bright red leaves have fallen from the maples. Many leaves have fallen from oaks & chestnuts, but the masses of trees at a distance seem to be full of foliage. In the village, most of the leaves have fallen from some elms, while others are full of greenish leaves.

Button balls are like elms. — Apple, cherry, peach, & quince leaves are green, though many have fallen — also lilac, siringa, & some other shrubs — also willows.

Birds. I noticed crows, blue jays, robins, & flocks of blackbirds. Most of the blackbirds have brown heads, necks, & breasts. Are there young?

Monday 19 } Cloudy. Some sprinklings. Cloudy all day & evening,
Therm. 48° at sunrise
57 at 1 P.M. } Wind W.S.W.; after 8, S.S.E. till noon. P.M. mostly S.
60 at 9 " " } Little from Parkman at New Haven. Wrote to him.

Tuesday 20 } Rained in the night. Cloudy this morning.
Therm. 62° at sunrise } A little rain A.M. and considerable rain P.M.
64 at 1 P.M. } Stars visible at 9.
56 at 9 " " } Wind S. forenoon. Do. P.M. E.S.E. and towards night W.S.W.

Wednesday 21 } Clear mostly. Cloudy at 8. Some rain A.M. and
Therm. 43 at sunrise } much rain P.M. and evening. Rain in night.
51 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.N.E. & some N. till noon. Afternoon mostly N.
48 at 9 " " } but some N.N.E.

Thursday 22. } Cloudy. Mostly clear after 10. Fine P.M. & Evening
Therm. 48° at sunrise } Wind N.N.W. and brisk, and some N.W. all day.
52 at 1 P.M.
37 at 9 " "

Friday 23. } Clear all day and evening.
Therm. 35° at sunrise } Wind S.S.E. next S. next S.S.W.
60 at 1 P.M. } continued southerly all day & brisk,
54 at 9 " " }
Abolition meeting this P.M. to nominate senators, &c.
Mr Torrey here. Peninnah to S. Deerfield with Geo. Smith.

Saturday 24. } Clear most of the day. 1/3 cloudy P.M. Evening clear,
Therm. 35° at sunrise } Wind N.W. all day
52 at 1 P.M.
30 at 9 " "

Sunday 25 } Cloudy all day. Began to snow at 8 1/2 P.M.
Therm. 36° at sunrise } Wind N. next & N.E. next N.E. till 10.
46 at 1 P.M. } After 10 till night E. & N.E. & some E. at sunset N.E.
37 at 9 " " }
Rev Erastus Clapp preached A.M. and Mr. P.M.

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Monday 26. The SNOW this morning is about $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep by measure, on a level except in some places where part of it has melted. The trees & shrubs are all covered - every twig is loaded. There is all the appearance of winter except on fruit trees, green leaves are intermingled with snow.

Therm. 33° at sunrise } Cloudy. Partly clear after 9 till 3, then all cloudy
42 at 1 P.M. } till evening. Clear at 8.
34 at 9 " } Wind W. & some W.S.W. till noon, P.M. W.S.W. & some W. till night

Tuesday, 27 } Clear all day & evening. Pleasant.
Therm. 30° at sunrise }
43 at 1 P.M. } Wind W. mostly A.M. and P.M.
29 at 9 " "

The snow still lies on the hills around us - and in many places in the village, and on northern roofs - after 2 days. (Now Tuesday evening.) It was much deeper in the western towns than here - Geo. Smith & Mr. Sheldon of Deerfield here to day. Mr. Graves let me have 6 bushels potatoes last week for 6 bushels he had of me June 13, 1838.

Wednesday 28. Snow still. Reason Holyoke and Eastern & northern and western Hills. Mr. Tomlin also hoary.

Therm. 30 at sunrise } Cloudy all day and evening. Some sprinklings P.M.
44 at 1 P.M. }
40 at 9 " } Wind N.N.E. next N.E. at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ W.N.W. & some W. till noon. Afternoon N.W.; at 4 S.E. at sunset N.N.W.

Thursday 29. } Cloudy. Began to rain after 9, and continued most of the day. Heavy rain & high wind in evening.
Therm. 42° at sunrise }
48 at 1 P.M. } Wind N.N.E.; at 8 N.E. and till 3 P.M. next E.N.E.
62 at 9 " } at 4 S.E. and strong, till night & some S.S.E. Evening tempestuous. The thermometer has gone up strangely.

I have been preparing for Boston for some days. I intended to go there in August - but was prevented by the failures of W. H. & have since been hindered by them, by brother Smith's affairs, Parkman's matters, &c. Parkman wrote to us from New Haven Oct 17, since which we have not heard from him, and know not where he is.

Vegetation. The deciduous trees in field & forest have all lost many of their leaves, and very many have lost all their leaves. Yet Round Hill & Mt Holyoke still show considerable of their autumn dress, but the colors are more dull & dead than they were - brownish, reddish &c. Fruit tree leaves are yellowish & greenish, & a large portion have fallen. Button balls retain many of their leaves. There is considerable corn to gather yet.

Borrowed ~~40~~ to day 100 dollars, of Isaac Clark. [Paid June 17, 1841.]
Wrote letters to C. B. Trumbull, S. Hadley; Col Hooker, Westfield; Sherman Clark, Wethampten; Samuel James, Wethampten; Col. Edwards, S. Hampton enclosing an account against Stephen Bates.

Friday 30. Wrote to Postmaster Peru, about Daniel Thompson's acct.
do to Jason Clapp, Pittsfield about J. Thompson's acct.
do to Charles Ball, W. Springfield - a dun.
do to Cooley, Post rider, with 3 or 4 accounts.

Enclosed in Col. Hooker's note, a note vs. Wm. Clark Jr. \$174.84 dated Oct 1, 1840. (Also a note in favor of Betsey Farmer took this back.)

Cloudy after a stormy, windy night.

Therm. 62 at sunrise }
66 at 1 P.M. } Wind S. & W. at 9. W.S.W.
50 at 9 " } Cloudy most of day. Partly clear towards night
Starts for Boston at 10 o'clock.

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Saturday 31.

Therm 46 at sunrise
52 at 1 P.M.
44 at 9 P.M.

In Boston 45 at sunrise, 46 at 9 P.M. Cloudy.

Mean Temp. of October at N.H.

At sunrise 40 $\frac{23}{31}$
at 1 P.M. 57 $\frac{31}{31}$
at 9 P.M. 45 $\frac{27}{31}$

Average
47 $\frac{86}{93}$

Cloudy days 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ Fair 15 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Rained on 6 days; Snowed on 1
Wind, N 2 days; N.E. 6; E $\frac{1}{2}$; S.E. 3
" S 6; S.W. 4; W 2; N.W. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$

In New York, Cloudy 12; fair 12; variable 7.
Wind N.Y. N. 2; N.E. 7; E. 0; S.E. 3
S 3; S.W. 9; W 2; N.W. 5

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I went to Boston Oct. 30, by stage to Wilbraham, and rail road thence to Boston. The wind & rain of the preceding night had stripped much of the foliage from the trees. The remainder was of a reddish brown or dirty brick color, & mostly confined to the oaks. The oaks retained more or less of their leaves all the way to Framingham - could not see much below there. No leaves on other deciduous trees, except below F. some greenish leaves appeared on Apple trees as at N. Hampton. Few or no leaves to be seen in Boston.

I remained in Boston till 27th of March when I returned, having been absent 12 weeks or almost 5 months. This time was spent among the papers & records in the State house, in the rooms of the Historical Society, and the Athenaeum. I lodged at Chauncy Clerk's one Boston week all the time. For about 10 weeks I got my food elsewhere, except Sundays, and in the other 12 weeks I always got my dinner elsewhere, or went without a dinner, which was very common. For 9 or 10 weeks I purchased my food at a grocery & eat it in the State house cellar; I often ate my supper in the street as I walked along, in the darkness of the evening. When I provided my food in this way, it cost me about 8 cents a day. The food for 6 days cost from 45 to 50 cents. I lost flesh during the winter, but none too much for health & comfort. I weighed on my return 152 pounds.

When I started from Boston, or the day before, grass began to look green in the common & in dooryards. I perceived no change in the buds on the trees. No snow to be seen from Boston, all the country around looked brown - no green fields. Snow banks began to appear by the side of fences at Brighton, Newton, &c. and there was some increase in Worcester County, by fences & in the woods, & on to Connecticut River; but fields were generally bare from Brighton to S. Hadley. There was a great increase of snow on Connecticut River, & especially west of it. The northern parts of Holyoke & Torr were covered; all the hills west of Northampton were white - snow said to be deep on the hills. In N.H. many of the fields were half covered with snow & woods full. But few green spots appeared around Boston. South Hadley was as green as Brighton, and indeed Northampton with all its snow was, as green as either, but not the growth of this spring probably. Lilac buds are some swelled.

My expenses in my absence of 21 weeks.

Rail road & stage down 3.80
" " " home 3.80
Trunks from & to depot 0.45
Meals at 8 to 12 cts each 1.00
Food for 9 or 10 weeks 4.97 with apples.
Postage on letters 2.25
Bought large newspapers 0.92
Washing 2.36
Writing paper &c 1.08
Paid Chauncy Clark for
board, light, lodging &c 20.75
41.38

Paid for Hall 3.50
Paid Apphia 4.05
Paid Arthura 5.00
12.55

{ Arthura repaid me the 5.00, and 3.00 of the 4.05. She had so much of Apphia's money. April 1841. Hall paid me the 3.50 in April 1841.

Paid for goods &c.

Cluff for wife 2.50
11 yds silk for de at 80 cts 8.80
2 linen Rkfs @ 40 cts " 80
Gown & collar for Apphia 4.12
32 lbs sugar 2.08. 10 lbs sugar 78. Rail 33 3.19
33 yds cotton @ 10 cts 3.30
17 3/4 yds Co black @ 15 1/2 2.76
4 lbs Raisins 20 cts 2 lbs raisins 25 cts 0.45
1/2 lb ground Cania 17 cts 1 lb ground pepper & spice 12 0.29
1 lb Ginger 9 cts 3 lbs starch 27 0.36
2 lbs white soap 25 cts 3 lbs Java coffee 42 0.67
4 lbs Soda 20 cts 1 lb muleshoe 95 1.15
12 lbs Tape 40 cts. Thread 12 cts. Towelling 55 1.07
16 spools thread 75 cts 1 Parasol 1.63 2.38
1/2 yds silk 38 cts 3 pairs shoes 75.87 + 92 cts 2.92
7 pairs stockings 1.25. 25. 25. 20. 37. 42. 30 2.04
3 and. 11 1/2 yds 75. 6 doz pearl buttons 27 cts 1.02
6 yards Cambric muslin @ 40 2.40
1 lb woolen yarn 1.00. 5 lbs dried apples 25. 1.25
2 1/2 yds linen 1.25. 1 1/2 yds linen 1.10 2.35
9 yards Calico 1.13 1.13
46 lbs Lard @ 8 cts 3.68
75 lbs Soap @ 7 1/2 pnds off. 5.15
Freight of hard soap & sugar to V. Hampton 0.78
54.56

{ Three above sums amount to 108.49
I brought home 23.85
and Maac Clark owes me 1.17 paid.
133.51

I came to Boston 117.10
Rec'd on old acct of State Treasurer 16.66
\$133.76 } 25 waiting
\$133.16

5 dollars which I received of Mr. Wash. P. M. Pore, on David Thompson's account, I somehow lost in making payments - a thing I never did before in my life.

Wood brought in my absence

Sherman Clark 2 loads see Dec 3. 1841
Brother Parsons 1 " 2/3 cord, \$2.00 - settled.
Col. Pomeroy 1 " Spaid him cash 67 cts. Account vs his brother 1.83
unknown 1 " charged 2.50
of Col. Shepard 1 " 2.75 paid
Abner Brewer 1 " 1 1/4 cord 3.43 allowed on his note.
P.S. Maush & S. Clark. 2 dds - 1 1/2 cord 4.50 { 1/2 allowed to P.S. Maush.
" 1/2 " to S. Clark Dec 3. 1841
May 8. 1841. John Bridgman 1 do 10 1/2 feet 2.53 taken out of his note.
" 24 P.S. Maush 1 do 70 feet 1.75 indorsed
26 Co. & S. S. Rhoades 1 " 84 " 2.28 indorsed.

Thermometer in my absence - was observed by Peninnah - it was kept by the front door, where the portico moderates the atmosphere a little in the morning and at night, and the sun has some influence at 1 P.M. I observed Mr. Clerk's Thermometer in Boston, on the neck, where it is generally colder, perhaps 2 degrees, than in the central parts of the city. I did not see it at 1 P.M. except on Sundays.

| | At Northampton. | | | At Boston | | Boston. | Northampton from Mr. Forbes record |
|-----------------|------------------|--------|-----|--------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | Sunrise, 10 P.M. | 9 P.M. | | Sunrise - | at 9 P.M. | | |
| Nov. 1 | 32. | 58. | 36 | 36 (50 at 1) | 39. | Fair | |
| 2 | 28. | 54 | 36 | 32 | 37. | do | |
| 3 | 25. | 68 | 40 | 32 | | | |
| 4 | 36. | 62 | 39. | | | cloudy | |
| 5 | 40 | 56 | 40 | 40 | | do | |
| 6 | 40. | 56. | 46 | 42 | 47 | do. | |
| 7 | 38 | 58 | 42 | 44 | 46 | do. | |
| Sunday 8 | 42. | 48. | 44 | 46 (49 at 1) | 48 | do. Rainy night. | Some rain |
| 9 | 44 | 48 | 46 | 50 | 51. | Rainy | Heavy rain |
| 10 | 40 | 61 | 62 | 41 | 46. | Cloudy A.M. Clear P.M. | |
| 11 | 40 | 55 | 43 | 42 | 43 | cloudy | |
| 12 | 42. | 47 | 45 | 43. | 45 | do. Rainy P.M. | |
| 13 | 44. | | 41 | 44 | 42. | do. A.M. Clear P.M. | |
| 14 | 34. | 58 | 36 | 36 | 37. | Clear. | |
| Sunday 15 | 36. | 42 | 33 | 42 (48 at 1) | 37 | Rainy | Snow & rain last night. Rain to day |
| 16 | 26. | 44. | 32 | 31 | 34 | clear | |
| 17 | 25. | 50 | 32 | 29 | 37 | do | |
| 18 | 27 | 38. | 34 | 32 | 35 | cloudy. Snow in night 3 or 4 inches | |
| 19 | 31 | 36 | 31 | 29 | 28 | cloudy A.M. Fair P.M. | country white |
| 20 | 32 | 40 | 26 | 28. | 26. | Clear. country white. | |
| Sunday 21 | 20. | 48 | 32 | 23 | 32 | clear | |
| 22 | 28. | 31 | 32 | 30 (36 at 1) | 38 | Rainy & some snow | Little snow |
| 23 | 33 | 34 | 38 | 34 | 32. | Rainy. Snow gone | 1 inch snow |
| 24 | 34. | 50. | 37 | 32 | 34 | cloudy A.M. Clear P.M. | |
| 25 | 34 | 37 | 34 | 35 | 37 | cloudy | very little snow |
| Thanksgiving 26 | 32. | 44 | 31 | 33 (42 at 1) | 33 | Partly clear | |
| 27 | 29. | 35 | 24 | 30 | 23 | cloudy. Some clear | |
| 28 | 27. | 38 | 29 | 26 | 34 | mostly clear. | |
| Sunday 29 | 26 | 48 | 42 | 32 (53 at 1) | 46 | Heavy in ft | |
| 30 | 38. | 58 | 28 | 44. | 36 | Fair. Windy night | Snow gone. Hazy in morn. |
| Dec 1 | 22. | | 22 | 22 | 23. | Fair | |
| 2 | 13 | 40 | 31 | 16 | 33 | do | |
| 3 | 24 | 52 | 28 | 32 | 32 | do. & hazy | |
| 4 | 11. | 30 | 18 | 19 | 23 | do. A.M. cloudy P.M. | |
| 5 | 16 | 23 | 18 | 20 | 20 | cloudy & very cold. | |
| Sunday 6 | 18. | 18 | 20 | 18 (30 at 1) | 34 | N.E. snow storm | Snowed 2 inches & drifted |
| 7 | 24. | 43 | 18 | 26 | 31. | Cloudy. Snow 3 or 4 inches deep. | |
| 8 | 16 | 38 | 28 | 29 | 32 | Clear | |
| 9 | 23 | 46 | 32 | 28 | 34 | do. | |
| 10 | 34 | 47 | 34 | 36 | 38 | Thawing & sloppy. | |
| 11 | 31 | 43 | 24 | 30 | 26 | clear | |
| 12 | 12. | 30 | 28 | 18 | 36 | Cloudy. Rain in night | |
| Sunday 13 | 40 | 44 | 41 | 42 (52 at 1) | 42 | Rainy A.M. | Some rain |
| 14 | 38 | 54 | 33 | 35 | 36. | Fair | |
| 15 | 31 | 57 | 42 | 33 | 44 | do | |
| 16 | 40 | 42 | 33 | 40 | 34 | Clear. Cloudy. Snow. | Little snow tonight |
| 17 | 30 | 35. | 24 | 26 | 24. | Snow is 3 or 4 inches. Clear. | |
| 18 | 13 | 28 | 13 | 14 | 12. | Clear. | |
| 19 | 20. | 36 | 28 | 13 | 26 | do | |
| Sunday 20 | 18 | 28 | 26 | 18 (32 at 1) | 24 | do mostly. Snow in night 1/2 inch | |
| 21 | 22 | 26 | 26 | 21 (28 at 1) | 15 | do | |
| 22 | 18 | | 30 | 16 | 31 | Snowed 2 or 3 inches | Snowed 2 inches |
| 23 | 14 | 36 | 22 | 16 | 22 | Fair. Sleighing. Windy night | |
| 24 | 24 | 24 | 12 | 30 | 14 | do. Windy. | |
| 25 | 2 below. | 26 | 12 | 2 | 6 | do & very cold | |
| 26 | 8 | 16 | 16 | 12 (30 at 1) | 32 | N.E. storm & at night | Snowed 6 or 8 inches |
| Sunday 27 | 26 | 30 | 21 | 28 (27 at 1) | 26 | Cloudy. Snow 6 or 7 inches deep | |
| 28 | 6 | 33 | 19 | 14 (33 at 1) | 24 | Fine sleighing. | |
| 29 | 8 | 38 | 25 | 18 (44 at 1) | 30 | do & clear | |
| 30 | 26 | 33 | 29 | 30 (37 at 1) | 33 | cloudy. Snow P.M. | Little snow |
| 31 | 29 | 38 | 25 | 32 (39 at 1) | 34 | do. Little snow. | |

Thermometer at N.H. (supplying vacancies as well as I can) / November.

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|------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|------------------|
| at sunrise | 33 $\frac{13}{30}$ | Average | Boston at sunrise | 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| at 1 P.M. | 48 $\frac{12}{30}$ | | do at 9 P.M. | 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| at 9 P.M. | 37 $\frac{30}{30}$ | | | |

Do at Northampton, December. (after supplying vacancies)

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|------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------|
| at sunrise | 21 $\frac{31}{30}$ | Average | Boston at sunrise | 23 $\frac{21}{31}$ |
| at 1 P.M. | 35 $\frac{13}{30}$ | | do at 9 P.M. | 27 $\frac{3}{31}$ |
| at 9 P.M. | 24 $\frac{21}{31}$ | | | |

Thermometer. 1841

| N.H. | | | | Boston | | Boston | | Northampton | |
|-----------|----------|--------|---------|--------------|--------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 1841 | Summer. | 1 P.M. | 9 P.M. | Summer | 9 P.M. | | | | |
| Jan. 1 | 13 | 21 | 26 | 19 (32 at 1) | 38 | Cloudy. | Snow. | Rain | |
| 2 | 20 | 29 | 16 | 24 (40 at 1) | 18 | Fair. | Snow hard & sleighing good | | |
| Sunday 3 | 14 | 19 | 4 | 12 (20 at 1) | 9 | Fair. | | | |
| 4 | 4 below | 19 | 7 below | 0 (21 at 1) | 3 | Fair. | Cold night | | |
| 5 | 19 below | 10 | 13 | 4 below | 30 | 20 | Fair | | |
| 6 | 19 | 32 | 33 | 32 | 42 | Cloudy. | drizzly. | Thaw. | Rain |
| 7 | 34 | 52 | 31 | 46 | 56 | Rain. | Great Thaw | | Rain |
| 8 | 39 | 47 | 34 | 52 | 38 | do | at thaws. | Snow gone | |
| 9 | 36 | 49 | 30 | 38 | 39 | cloudy. | A.M. | Clear P.M. | |
| Sunday 10 | 30. | 36. | 32 | 34 (36 at 1) | 34 | cloudy | | | |
| 11 | 33 | 37 | 35 | 34 | 38 | do. | Rain P.M. | | |
| 12 | 38 | 40 | 34 | 39 | 32 | clear | | | |
| 13 | 32 | 34 | 28 | 32 | 32 | cloudy. | Some Snow. | 2 or 3 in | Snow |
| 14 | 26 | 42 | 13 | 23 | 21 | do. | | | |
| 15 | 22 | 44 | 27 | 22 | 30 | do. | | | |
| 16 | 16 | 44 | 30 | 26 | 37 | clear. | Thawing | | |
| Sunday 17 | 47 | 47 | 32 | 38 (53 at 1) | 52 | Rainy. | Snow gone | | Rain |
| 18 | 23 | 36 | 10 | 30 | 15 | Clear | | | |
| 19 | 6 | 26 | 18 | 10 | 20 | do | | | |
| 20 | 15 | 35 | 24 | 19 | 30 | do | | | |
| 21 | 22 | 34 | 34 | 36 | 34 | cloudy & Rainy | | | Rain |
| 22 | 30 | 48 | 23 | 32 | 27 | clear | | | |
| 23 | 21 | 34 | 28 | 22 | 29 | cloudy | | | |
| Sunday 24 | 26 | 34 | 32 | 29 (36 at 1) | 36 | do | | | Snow 1 in at night |
| 25 | 23 | 47 | 33 | 31 | 35 | do | | | |
| 26 | 16 | 57 | 34 | 30 | 36 | Clear | | | |
| 27 | 36 | 42 | 31 | 39 | 36 | Cloudy. | little Rain | | Rain last night |
| 28 | 36 | 47 | 26 | 34 | 33 | clear | | | |
| 29 | 19 | 36 | 30 | 28 | 33 | cloudy & 2 or 3 inches snow | | | Snow 3 in |
| 30 | 22 | 41 | 29 | 27 | 28 | clear | | | |
| Sunday 31 | 19 | 50 | 32 | 22 (40 at 1) | 34 | Clear mostly. | | | |
| Feb. 1 | 26 | 38 | 20 | 30 | 24 | cloudy. | Snow P.M. | | Snow |
| 2 | 22 | 25 | 19 | 25 | 20 | clear. | Snow is 8 inches deep, | | |
| 3 | 34 | 32 | 15 | 34 | 18 | Partly clear. | fine sleighing | | Squally |
| 4 | 5 | 38 | 17 | 14 | 22 | Clear | | | |
| 5 | 13 | 36 | 16 | 18 | 26 | clear in part. | | | |
| 6 | 14 | 34 | 24 | 22 | 28 | Clear | | | |
| Sunday 7 | 27 | 40 | 24 | 23 (41 at 1) | 26 | do | | | |
| 8 | 10 | 50 | 18 | 23 | 23 | do | | | |
| 9 | 13 | 35 | 26 | 19 | 34 | Clear in part | | | |
| 10 | 21 | 41 | 17 | 29 | 24 | Snow last night | 1 in deep | | Snow 1 in |
| 11 | 8 | 39 | 12 | 10 | 14 | clear in pt | | | |
| 12 | 2 below | 17 | 4 | 4 | 8 | clear | | | |
| 13 | 8 | 28 | 19 | 1 | 16 | do | | | |
| Sunday 14 | 8 | 31 | 17 | 10 (28 at 1) | 16 | do | | | |
| 15 | 9 | 21 | 10 | 10 | 12 | clear in part | | | |
| 16 | 16 | 32 | 25 | 18 | 24 | do | | | |
| 17 | 24 | 37 | 24 | 18 | 24 | Snowed 2 or 3 inches | | | Snow |
| 18 | 13 | 41 | 20 | 9 | 22 | Clear | | | |
| 19 | 21 | 39 | 20 | 26 | 31 | clear partly | | | |
| 20 | 20 | 28 | 28 | 18 | 31 | clear | | | |
| Sunday 21 | 24 | 48 | 38 | 32 (48 at 1) | 37 | do | | | |
| 22 | 28 | 44 | 34 | 28 | 28 | Cloudy. | little Snow | | |
| 23 | 39 | 140 | 14 | 40 | 16 | Cloudy mostly. | | | |
| 24 | 16 | 36 | 8 | 7 | 18 | do | | | |
| 25 | 4 below | 40 | 27 | 19 | 30 | Clear | | | |
| 26 | 30 | 50 | 31 | 34 | 36 | do | | | |
| 27 | 32 | 48 | 32 | 36 | 34 | Rainy | | | Snow & rain |
| Sunday 28 | 27 | 48 | 35 | 32 (50 at 1) | 36 | Fair | | | |

The Thermometer was below 0, on 4 mornings, viz. Dec. 25th Jan. 4th & 5th, and Feb. 12th. Jan. 5th was much the coldest morning at N.H. Some thermometers were at 20. below 0 & some said to be 26 — same morning, Ther. was only 4° below 0 at Boston

I slipped down on Mr Clark's stairs in the evening of Dec. 26 & fell with my whole weight on my side on the edge of a stair — hurt my ribs very much. Remained at Mr Clark's all the next week and did not go to state house till Monday Jan. 4.

Thermometer at Northampton for January. (a mild month.)
At Sunrise 22 ²⁸/₃₁ } Average Boston at Sunrise 27 ¹²/₃₁
At 1 P.M. 37 ¹⁶/₃₁ } 28 ²⁸/₃₁ do at 9 P.M. 31 ³¹/₃₁
At 9 P.M. 26 ²⁷/₃₁ }
Do. at Northampton for February { a severe month. It was colder
At Sunrise 17 ¹²/₂₈ } average Boston at Sunrise 20 ¹²/₂₈
26 days - at 1 P.M. 37 ⁶/₂₈ } 25 ¹/₄ do at 9 P.M. 24 ⁶/₂₈
at 9 " " 20 ²⁴/₂₈ }

Thermometer. 1841

Penine's (Forbes)

| March | Northampton | | | Boston | | Boston | |
|-------|-------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Sunrise | 1 P.M. | 9 P.M. | Sunrise | 9 P.M. | Weather | |
| 1 | 35 | 54 | 34 | 40 | 39 | Pleasant | |
| 2 | 26 | 54 | 30 | 34 | 36 | do | |
| 3 | 24 | 44 | 32 | 32 | 34 | do | |
| 4 | 26 | 45 | 24 | 27 | 22 | do | |
| 5 | 10 | 27 | 14 | 12 | 20 | do | |
| 6 | 18 | 29 | 30 | 18 | 32 | Snow even night | Snow 5 or 6 |
| 7 | 36 | 50 | 34 | 40 (38 at 1) | 38 | cloudy | Snow at night 1 in |
| 8 | 30 | 47 | 28 | 32 | 30 | do | |
| 9 | 24 | 42 | 28 | 27 | 32 | clear | |
| 10 | 24 | 52 | 30 | 28 | 32 | cloudy snow $\frac{3}{4}$ inch | little snow at night |
| 11 | 28 | 40 | 26 | 31 | 29 | clear | |
| 12 | 18 | 39 | 28 | 20 | 29 | clear in p.m. | |
| 13 | 29 | 34 | 24 | 30 | 28 | S.E. snow storm 3 or 4 inches | Snow 10 inches |
| 14 | 22 | 44 | 31 | 20 (34 at 1) | 31 | clear | |
| 15 | 16 | 43 | 19 | 18 | 21 | do | |
| 16 | 16 | 28 | 21 | 20 | 22 | Snow 2 or 3 inches | Snow $\frac{1}{2}$ inch |
| 17 | 13 | | 16 | 18 | 21 | clear | |
| 18 | 20 | 42 | 22 | 24 | 32 | do in p.m. | |
| 19 | 24 | 60 | 39 | 33 | 44 | warm | |
| 20 | 32 | 62 | 44 | 39 | 49 | do | |
| 21 | 40 | 44 | 32 | 43 (45 at 1) | 34 | clear | |
| 22 | 25 | 53 | 35 | 29 | 35 | do | |
| 23 | 36 | 40 | 40 | 36 | 44 | Rainy P.M. | Rain. |
| 24 | 31 | 52 | 33 | 34 | 42 | clear | |
| 25 | 33 | 58 | 35 | 36 | 46 | do | |
| 26 | 38 | 58 | 43 | 40 | 52 | do | |
| 27 | 42 | 57 | 44 | | | mostly cloudy - some sunshine | |
| 28 | 39 | 55 | 42 | | | cloudy | |
| 29 | 34 | 34 | 32 | | | Some rain, hail & snow. | |
| 30 | 31 | 40 | 21 | | | Partly clear. Unpleasant. | |
| 31 | 12 | 44 | 32 | | | Mostly clear, but not pleasant | |

It appears by a comparison of the storms in Boston with those noted by Mr. Forbes here, that they occur here and there on the same days almost without exception. Also the changes in the temperature here & there are nearly simultaneous. The Boston weather is however several degrees milder than that of Northampton.

Birds appeared here about the warm days March 19 & 20, and some had been seen before, it is said. Penine thinks she heard a peewee January 28th - probably something else. When I came home, March 27th I found about here robins, blackbirds, bluebirds, and some others. They were quite musical on the morning of the 28th and were less so every morning since. The phoebe is among them.

Appearances, April 1. The snow has diminished since my return; still there are many snow banks in the gardens & lots of the village. Rich homelot, & grass plots about buildings look green as soon as the snow leaves them. The buds of lilac & honeysuckle are somewhat changed. No other vegetable changes. The north side of Holyoke is hoary with snow. The snow has been four feet deep in the woods in the hill towns west of this; and about 3 feet in the western woods of this town. The greatest depth was after March began.

Thermometer at Northampton in March -

| | | | |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| at Sunrise | 26 $\frac{24}{31}$ | Average | { Boston at sunrise 29 $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| 30 days at 1 P.M. | 45 $\frac{19}{30}$ | | |
| at 9 P.M. | 30 $\frac{13}{31}$ | | |
| | | 34 $\frac{10}{31}$ | { do at 9 P.M. 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| | | | for 26 days. |

March has been similar to last year - most of it unpleasant and real March weather. Travelling is very bad in every direction, April 1.

The Freshet of 1841 January

It extended far and wide. The great thaw in Boston was on 6th, 7th & 8th of January, but greater on 7th (Thursday). In Northampton there was a heavy rain, especially on day & night of the 7th. The Connecticut rose till the 9th, then began to fall! In some places it seems to have risen higher than last year (seven higher than the year before, it is said.) It came into the cellar of Jos. Clarke's (dec'd) house, and was 6 inches deep on the floor of the old storage house. It was not so high at the great bridge as in January 1839. Mill River ran across the road this side of South Street bridge 18 inches deep on the 9th, it is said. No great damage was done in this vicinity. At Hartford, the river is said to have risen 26 feet above low water mark and to have been about a foot lower than the Jefferson flood in 1801. Nearly all the buildings east of Front Street had their first floors covered with water.

P.S. The flood at Hartford was highest on the 9th, & was 25 feet 4 inches.

P.S. I know not when the Connecticut broke up after this freshet. I suppose it froze over again, & broke up in March. The Hudson opened March 21. The Connecticut probably about the same day - perhaps a little later, but before March 27, when I returned.

Money paid out since my return.

| | |
|---|-------|
| Alexander Wright for sawing & splitting wood | 5.50 |
| John G. Clark's account 6.39. E. Turner's account 5.94. | 12.33 |
| Miss Smith (Milliner) acct. 2.08. Thayer butcher acct. 1.38 | 3.46 |
| Levake, making shoes 1.00. Postage 2 quarters 5.40 | 6.40 |
| Forbes acct. for Law advice as to Brothn Smith's affairs | 1.30 |
| do do do as to H's affairs | 1.00 |
| Oats 38. Mrs. Shepard for milk 2.02 | 2.40 |
| Tax for Centre School House 3.81 | 3.81 |
| I owe Isaac Clark 38.11. Paid for Holston (last fall) | 75 |
| " W. Hillier 9.81. paid April 19. | 37.15 |
| " E. Powers 13.84. paid April 10. | |
| " Sold to Holston 19.48. paid April 10 & 42 cts. interest. | |
| " A. Geo. Shepard 17.50 besides rent. paid April 15. | |
| 88.94 | |
| " Col G. Shepard 75.00. Rent of house & pew. paid April 10 | |

all paid.

Arcthusa & Apphia came from Plymouth, N. H. to Boston, Feb. 17 and Apphia came to Northampton on the 19th. Arcthusa came to N. H. March 11th.

Sons J. Walker & Hall, & son Albert came up on Saturday, but owing to bad travelling did not reach here till Sunday morning March 28. J. W. & H. returned on the 31st & left Albert here.

Bourgin Tino. Clark died Dec. 29. He had suffered much from disease for many years.

Piece of Merrimack cotton bought in Boston - called 33 yards - contains about 32 - & weighs 9 lbs wanting a trifle - cost 10 cents a yard or 3.30. which is 37 cents a pound. It 39 inches wide - not quite so good as piece bought last year.

April 1841.

Thursday 1.

Therm. 33 at sunrise
50 at 1 P.M.
36 at 9 " "Cloudy with a little snow & rain A.M.
Mostly Clear P.M.
Wind S. and S.W.

Friday 2.

Therm. 32° at sunrise
53 at 1 P.M.
41 at 9 " "Cloudy all day. A thunder shower
in the evening, with high wind.
Wind S. and near it.Wrote a letter to Harriet B. Skinner, New Haven, in
reply to one from her of Feb. 14, about the Whitings.

Saturday 3.

Therm. 32 at sunrise
45 at 1 P.M.
36 at 9 " "A windy night & morning. Snow some sinter
melted by the rain.
Fair all day.
Wind brisk from N.W.

Wrote to E. C. Bacon, Litchfield, in reply to his.

Sunday 4.

Therm. 26 at sunrise
52 at 1 P.M.
42 at 9 " "Cloudy after 8 or 9, all day.
Began to rain in the evening.
Wind S. and near S.
Mr. Wiley & H. H. Clapp P.M.

Monday 5.

Therm. 48 at sunrise
53 at 1 P.M.
40 at 9 " "Rain of last night carried off most of the
snow in the village, but many banks left.
Fair with flying clouds after 8 or 9.
Wind N.W. and W. N.W.

Tuesday 6.

Therm. 32° at sunrise
47 at 1 P.M.
31 at 9 " "After 8 or 9, Fair with flying clouds.
Wind N.W. and W. N.W.

Near this morning that President Harrison died on Sunday
morning April 4. Sixty hymns & thirty hymns here to dinner.
On Tuesday, March 30, the old homestead of my father was sold
by the Assignees of Oren Kingsley - one piece including 160½
acres, most of it woodland, sold for \$1672.40; the rest, 150 acres,
& buildings for 1300 dollars. About 380 acres in all. Kingsley
had sold 50 or 60 acres. Of course the place now brought more
than it did in 1833 when I sold it, considering the quantity.
I have a despicable opinion of the soil, & have heard for many
years; and had no disposition to be a purchaser, even at a
much lower price than it sold for. Worthington
Hooker here at night. About 12 acres of above land did not
belong to old farm, had been Gough's.

Wednesday 7.

Therm. 32° at sunrise
52 at 1 P.M.
38 at 9 " "Cloudy. Some Rain P.M. and
more in evening.
Wind S.W. and S.Wrote a letter to Gideon Welles, Esq. Hartford, in reply to
one I had from him while in Boston - about Wells family.
Wrote during letter to Spencer H. Rhoades, & Samuel James.

Thursday 8.

Therm. 36° at sunrise
50 at 1 P.M.
40 at 9 " "Birds very merry this morning.
Fair after 8.
Wind N. N.E. all day.

State Fast. Met at Edwards Church A.M. Old Church P.M.
A good Assembly present as to numbers.
The death of President Harrison was alluded to
in prayers and sermons. The bells here tolled in account
of his death Tuesday at sunset & Wednesday noon; & the flag
was at half-mast.

April 1841.

Friday 9.

Therm. 36 at sunrise
41 at 10 P.M.
39 at 9 " "

Cloudy. Some sprinklings A.M.
Rainy, P.M.
Wind S. and S.E. in morning, but most of
the day N.N.E.

I find that John A. Judd's debts, allowed by Master in Chancery amount to 4339.95. His homestead, mortgaged to Eleazar, brought 275 dollars. Deduct this and his debts amount to 4065 dollars. A dividend of 16 1/2 per cent has been made, about 670 dollars. There will be another dividend, but a very great loss will remain to the creditors - he will not pay 30 cents on a dollar.

Oren Kingsley's debts (including some sureties) exceed 6800 dollars. A Westhampton Farmer in debt almost 7000 dollars! And yet - he bought the place cheap enough of me, for it has been sold, including what he sold before, at 500 dollars more than he gave me, or thereabouts. He has worked hard to get rid of property. Had he not done a stroke of work, but run in debt for his living, since 1833, he would not have been more in debt than he now is, including as much of the interest as the place would not pay without expense on it.

Kingsley's dividend on personal estate is 7 per cent. The dividend on real estate is yet to come - it will be from 40 to 43 per cent. He will pay a little short of 50 per cent on his debts.

My debts against Kingsley, as allowed & cast at Probate Office, are

| | | |
|---|--|--------|
| 1 | Note for land sold him (of Gough) dated May 6. 1837 - 28.87 indorsed Jan'y 1. 1839, and 7.43 indorsed Aug. 5. 1840 - No surety - face of Note 118.70. Due on it August 5. 1840 | 102.88 |
| 2 | Note for money I paid for him, dated March 22. 1839 - No surety - face 96.78, simple interest, 7.97 | 104.75 |
| 3 | Note for the farm, dated March 28. 1833, payable May 1. 1837, interest paid to May 1. 1836, and Samuel Edwards Jr's note 328\$ indorsed July 14. 1840 Face of Note 343 dollars - S. Edwards Jr & Dr. Hooker sureties. | 207.63 |
| 4 | Note for the farm, dated March 28. 1833, payable May 1. 1838, for 343 dollars - interest paid to May 1. 1836 - S. Edwards Jr. & Dr. Hooker, sureties | 430.75 |
| | Simple interest cast on the 4 notes to Aug 5. 1840. | 532.41 |
| | Total of Notes, with & without security | 740.04 |

Received a dividend of 7 per cent on above, 51.80. Indorsed it Feb. 24.

Saturday 10

Therm. 34 at sunrise
38 at 1 P.M.
29 at 9 " "

Cloudy all day
Wind N.N.E. mostly.
Cold & unpleasant.

Samuel Edwards here. George Smith here.

Paid Col. Shepard, 70\$ for house to April 10. 1841.

" do 5 for perw to Nov. 1. 1840

" do 1.50 for hay had of him to this date.

Vegetation has made very little advance this spring. The snow left the grass green, & it has become a little more green - has grown a little. Lilac buds just begin to show the purple, & honey suckle leaves are beginning to open. The buds of fruit trees, clump maples, &c. are a little swelled, but at a little distance no attention is perceived. - Snow is seen on the mountains & highlands around. Travelling yet bad but growing better. 700 berry leaves are beginning to open. Gave 1.50 today to T. W. Shepard, who is poor & sick. Son J. Walker arrived from Hartford in the stage the latter part of the night.

April 1841.

Sunday 11.

Therm. 22° at sunrise
37 at 10 P.M.
24 at 9 " "Cold. Froze hard last night.
Clear, not a cloud, but cold as winter
Wind N. mostly - some N.N.E. & N.W.
N. Amherst minister preached.

Monday 12

Therm. 23° at sunrise
38 at 10 P.M.
30 at 9 " "Cold continues.
Cloudy. Some snow P.M. & evening.
Wind mostly E.N.E.

Tuesday 13

Therm. 28° at sunrise
43 at 10 P.M.
29 at 9 " "N.E. snow storm - real winter. 3 or 4 inches
of snow fell. Ceased snowing before 9.
Cloudy mostly all day. Little sunshine P.M.
Wind N.N.E. and N. & some N.N.W.
P.S. 12 inches of snow fell in New York, & 6 or 8 inches in Boston.

Wednesday 14.

Therm. 25 at sunrise
49 at 1 P.M.
35 at 9 " "Cloudy. Clear after 9. Many clouds after 2.
Earth still covered with snow yet, but much
of it melted before night.
Wind various - mostly S.W. - N.E. and N.W.

Settled with brother Parsons. He had paid in cash on his note
of August 1. 25 dollars, leaving 25 dollars; Oct. 25.77 due
on principal & interest. Had of him from Oct 18 to this date
inclusive (27 weeks) 54 pounds of butter at 11. Wood 2.00.
Lard 2.00. Eggs 0.50, meat & sausages 1.44. beans, 44. and
owdshins Oct 7. 1.27 - deduct 5 cents - all account \$16.57.
This deducted from 25.77, leaves 9.20 for which he gave new note.
(Paid in May)

Thursday 15

Therm. 28° at sunrise
47 at 1 P.M.
30 at 9 " "Clear with flying clouds. Cold yet but pleasant.
Wind N.W. and some N.N.W.

Jesse Lyman paid me for Warham Kingsley \$21.14 Interest &
and it was endorsed on W.K.'s notes. 23.42 Principal

Friday 16.

Therm. 28° at sunrise
53 at 10 P.M.
39 at 9 " "Clear with thin clouds. Rather Pleasant.
Wind S.E. - S. - and S.W.

The backward Spring makes bad work in the hill towns W. & N.W.
and elsewhere. Fodder is scarce, & farmers have to buy
grain to keep their creatures alive.
Brother Johnson wife & George Lyman here
Hall came from Bloomfield towards night.

Saturday 17

Therm. 36° at sunrise
48 at 1 P.M.
47 at 9 " "Cloudy, and some sprinklings.
Wind S. and some S.S.E. and S.S.W.

Brother Johnson yesterday paid his note to bro Matthews
\$11.90 dated May 2. 1840, and 10 months interest 60 cents (now new)
was nearly March 2) So I have 12.50 of brother Matthews money
in my possession. [Paid it May 15]

Sunday 18.

Therm. 46° at sunrise
54 at 1 P.M.
34 at 9 " "

Rainy till about 9. Clear after 10 with
flying clouds, and azure sky.
Wind S.S.W. till after 9½. Next N.W. and
W.N.W. and strong, till night.
Mr Wiley preached all day. Wife sick.

Monday 19.

Therm. 28° at sunrise
49 at 1 P.M.
42 at 9 " "

Clear & pleasant all. Windy P.M.
Wind N.W. W. and S.W. A.M.
do S.W. most of P.M.

Arthur left us today for Andover.

April 1841

Monday 19, continued.

I let Isaac Clarke have a power of Attorney for Stephen Storm of New York, to draw my Rail Road Dividend, 30 dollars or 3 percent, due last February. This and cash \$8.11, balanced Mr. Clarke's book account against me to April 1. 1841. sent to John Clarke (with money belonging to son Hall, &c.) 45 dollars which Jesse Hyman paid me this 15th. I have now brother Matthews \$12.50. Since I came from Boston I have had 23.85 being it home with me of Edward Hunt, 30 of Rail Road, above, 25 of Saint James, 12.50 of brother Matthews, 28 for Bank Dividend, and 11.50 of Hall and Anselm's, 54.03 - Kingsley's Assignee, and 44.50 of Waltham Kingsley. - all 272.21.

Paid debts (2 years back) \$200.71; bought goods & provisions 3.38

Paid Geo. Shepard for hay 1.50; paid for T. W. Shepard 1.50 - Cash on hand 18.61

Postage 89 cents; lent to John Clarke 45. Washing 62^{cs} = all 272.21.

Tuesday 20.

Therm. 40 at sunrise } Cloudy all day. Some sprinklings P.M.
 50 at 1 P.M. } Wind began at N.W. and soon went round
 41 at 9 " " } to S.W. and on to N.E. and N. - most of the
 day N.W. and N.

Vegetation - has advanced but little. Snow is seen on the hills. Some ploughing has been done on the plains, but little or none in the meadows. Grass has grown some in rich places. The appearance of trees & shrubs is that of winter - with few exceptions. No tree is green or greenish.

Gooseberry & honeysuckle show small leaves -

Lilack - the leaf and flower buds are opening, but not yet open.

Elms. Those trees that blossom (some do not) now exhibit clusters of buds or blossoms, of a brown color and a little redish. Yet the appearance of the trees is not much altered, though many are filled with these small shoots of spring. If they are flowers, they are the earliest that are seen.

Soft maples show red flower buds, almost ready to open - trees not red at a little distance.

Crab apple & thimble berries show buds with green ends.

Currants show no green. Siering shows green buds.

The season is not quite so forward as it was April 11. 1840, - about the same as April 5. 1839.

In the evening, heard frogs peep - some have heard them before.

Wednesday 21.

Therm. 38 at sunrise } Rained last night, and rain continued
 44 at 1 P.M. } till 5 P.M. A heavy rain.
 44 at 9 " " } Wind all day N. and a very little East
 of N. and brisk.

Thursday 22

Therm. 42 at sunrise } Cloudy. Began to rain after 3 P.M.
 50 at 1 P.M. } Rainy night followed.
 42 at 9 " " } Wind N.W. till after 3, then E.N.E.

Friday 23.

Therm. 42 at sunrise } Cloudy after a rainy night.
 52 at 1 P.M. } Began to rain about noon, and continued
 48 at 9 " " } most of P.M. and night following, moderately.
 Wind N.W. all day.
 I am this day 52 years old
 Wife still sick.

Saturday 24.

Therm. 48 at sunrise } Cloudy all day - no rain
 64 at 1 P.M. } Wind a very little East of North.
 56 at 9 " " } Warmest day this year, though the
 sun was entirely hidden. It is remarkable to have such
 a change of temperature without any change of the wind.

April 1841

Saturday 24 - continued.

Snows for 6 months past at Waltham, according to C. F. ascertained by measurement in the woods, where it could not drift.

| 1840 | | | 1841 | | inches |
|------------|---------------------------|----------|---------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Oct 26 | Snow fell | 2 inches | Feb 1. | Snow, driving storm, depth | 10 |
| Nov. 18-19 | do in night, drifted | 3 1/2 | 3 | Snow squalls | 0 |
| " 21 | do | 1 | 9 | " in night | 3 |
| " 25 | do in night | 1 | 17 | " | 2 |
| Dec. 6 | do furious storm, drifted | 7 | March 6 | " Violent storm | 3 3/4 |
| 16 | do in evening | 6 | 16 | " a little | 0 |
| 20 | do only a flurry | 0 | 13 | " violent storm, drifted | 5 |
| 22 | do | 1 | 16 | " | 0 |
| 26 | do a tempestuous storm | 14 | April 9 | " very little | 0 |
| 30 | do | 1 | 13 | " Driving storm, drifted | 8 |
| 31 | do | 1 | | from the other column | 54 1/2 |
| Jan 1 | do (rain followed) | 4 | | Total inches | 87 1/4 |
| 13 | do | 3 | | making 7 feet 3 inches, at 28 times. | |
| 15 | do trifling | 0 | | | |
| 21 | do (rain followed) | 3 | | | |
| 24 | do in evening | 1 | | | |
| 29 | do | 7 | | | |
| | | 54 1/2 | | | |

The snow storms at Waltham and N. H. were on the same days; and the quantity at Waltham seems to have been as great as at Northampton in the whole.

Sunday 25. { Cloudy all day. No rain. 6th cloudy day.
Therm. 48 at sunrise Wind N. - N. N. E. and N. E. - a. m.
64 at 1 P. M. " E. and some E. N. E. - p. m.
48 at 9 " " Mr Wiley preached.

Monday 26 { Cloudy all day. No rain. 7th cloudy day.
Therm. 44 at sunrise Wind began N. N. E. next N. W. till noon.
70 at 1 P. M. Do. S. W. - S. and S. S. E. till night
55 at 9 " " Warmest day this year.

The Season. Grass has grown during the rainy & cloudy days. some fields quite green. - Very little ploughing done. Meadows too wet to plough. Water quite high.

Elms - are in blossom, and are now a little past the full - they were in blossom on the 20th. Each blossom has from 14 to 8 stamens, and each stamen a reddish brown anther at the end. It is these anthers that give the tree its reddish-brown color before any other tree is in blossom. When the anthers first appear there is little or no green to be seen; by degrees the green peduncle becomes elongated, the green capsule is more visible, the anthers fall, and all that remains is greenish. The anthers have begun to fall on some trees, and most of the trees begin to show a faint green. - Leaf buds are green at the end.

Gooseberry & honeysuckle have leaves of considerable size - they are more forward as to leaves than any other shrub.

Lilac - leaf & flower buds are, some opening, and some open.

Raspberry - some of the leaves are open.

Crab apple - some of buds are opening, & show small leaves

Green ant buds are partially green - a few beginning to open.

Cherry, pear & peach buds are green at the end.

Red maple - some trees in blossom - some not so forward.

Apple - many trees have whitish buds and on some the ends of the buds are green. Appearance of trees not altered.

Mt Holyoke has a reddish hue in places - probably owing to the red maples. - Round Hill trees are unaltered.

Sister Lyman & Jabez; Elizarar Judd & John, here today.

Tuesday 27 { Rainy till 1 P. M. Partly clear after 3, till night
Therm. 48 at sunrise Wind S. and S. W. some N. W. in forenoon
48 at 1 P. M. do. N. W. chiefly P. M.
43 at 9 " "

Abolition meeting in evening. Mr Cummins & Mr. Lee spoke

April 1841

Wednesday 28.

Therm. 34 at sunrise
60 at 12 M.
50 at 9 " "

Bleat after 8 cloudy days. Pleasant day.

Wind N.W. and near it all day.

A flood on the meadows - not of the highest kind.

Paid Sereno Lyman 1.32. for repairing parsonage water works at Westhampton. - came to 91 cents a share.

Settled with Eben Hunt, Cummington. His account Nov & Dec. 1838 was 16 Dr cheese 1.44; 18 Dr fowls 1.80; 265 Dr pork 26.50. = 29.74
In Nov. 1839, 6 Dr Turkey 72 cents, 14 Dr fowls 1.26
Indorsed above sum on his note. = 1.98

Thursday 29.

Therm. 35 at sunrise
70 at 1 P.M.
45 at 9 " "

Bleat - thin clouds came on - Halo around the sun.

Cloudy after 3.

Wind S. and thereabouts all day.

Began to rain at 8 1/2 evening.

Sons C.W. and Hall started for Worcester, &c. in a buggy, to see about a place for business.

Clearar Judd here. Paid me 100 dollars, Paid up note of 53.58 dated Sept 21. 1840 - called 55.33 (mistake 20 cts. should be 55.53) and indorsed on note dated Sept. 21. 1840, 44.67 (face of note 369.35)

Also renewed his note dated May 2. 1836 for 176.90
Simple Interest 5 years wanting 4 days = 52.90

New note this day \$229.80

Friday 30.

Therm. 44 at sunrise
53 at 1 P.M.
40 at 9 " "

Rainy night. Rains this morning, but cleared before 7. Some sprinkles through the day.

Wind N.N.W. - N. and N.W. - mostly N.

Unpleasant day.

Walked out to Westhampton - main object was to see Clearar Judd; his affairs are in a bad state - & not sensible of it -

he is of the same class with Capt. Hale Orenking play & John Judd - men who did not examine their affairs, would not believe they were going to ruin, but expected to come out well by some hap hazard. The community are in danger of losing more by such honest men than by knaves. - E.J. paid me 24 dollars more.

Walked from E. Judd's to sister Lyman's in Easthampton, where I remained over night.

Vegetation. Grass on good lands, & trees, are about the same in Westhampton and Easthampton as in Northampton. Red maples are the only trees that at a distance show the vegetation of spring in W.H. and E.H. except that general increase of the hazel color in most trees, which arises from the more swelling of the buds.

Very little ploughing done any where; some on dry land.

April has been a cold, cloudy, rainy, disagreeable month, and the season is backward. The cold is said to come from vast bodies of snow in Vermont, northern New York, &c.

Thermometer in Northampton in April

at sunrise 35 ¹⁸/₃₀
at 1 P.M. 50 ²⁴/₃₀
at 9 " " 39 ²⁴/₃₀

Average 42 ²²/₃₀

Accounts from N. S. E. & W. even Virginia, Missouri, &c. represent April as a cold, snowy, rainy month, & vegetation very backward.

Temperature of April at New York Harbor, 1841.

At Sunrise 42.33 } Average Range from 30° to 60°. Thunder storms 1p. 2 and 25
At 9 P.M. 37.16 } 46.83. Hottest day 2 - coldest day 12th.
At Sunset 46.86 }
At 9 P.M. 43.70 } Pair days 10 1/2. Cloudy 19 1/2. Rainy 19. Snow 3.

Wind N 1/2 day; N.W. 2; N.E. 10 1/2; E 1/2; S. 5; S.E. 0; S.W. 10; W 1/2 - Rain 6.39 in.

In 1840, the mean Temp was 52.74 at same place. Range from 33 to 73.
In 1840, fair days 25 1/2; cloudy 4 1/2. Rain 8. Snow 1. - Rain 4.48 inches.

May 1841

Saturday 1. The ~~Vegetation~~ ^{Vegetation} advances very slowly. Gooseberries & honeysuckles have leaves of good size: also lilacs, but leaf buds of lilacs are not fully open. The purple pyramids (buds) of lilacs are beginning to separate into several divisions. Thimbleberries have leaves; crabapples and sseringas show small leaves; currants show small leaves, but most of buds are not open. Cherries, pears, plums, apples, peaches, have green buds, but none open though a very few are opening. Some horse-chestnut leaves are opening, but most not.

The only trees that show at a little distance that spring has come are the red maple, elm, and willow. The elms are generally of a greenish brown, the red maples having mostly dried up or fallen. The flowers & buds of the red maple may be seen in almost all directions; they may be seen in Holyoke & Torr, but those noticed April 26 on Mt. Holyoke were hardly perceptible a day or two after, and are not bright now. The opening willow leaves & yellow branches make the trees appear of a yellowish green.

Hornelots and rich pastures are green. The flood remains on the meadow, but has fallen a foot or two. Very little ploughing done, & little or no sowing, or gardening. Excepting the green grass, there is not much appearance of spring. Winter grain appears pretty well.

Therm. 44° at sunrise } Cloudy; disagreeable day.

55 at 1 P.M. } Wind mostly N.W.

44 at 9 " " } I walked in from Exhampston A.M.

This is called May day, & children have had a parade on the occasion. But there is nothing like an European May day about it, and the observance is ridiculous in this cold climate. There is hardly a flower to be found except those in hot rooms or houses. I have seen but one kind of flower in the woods, and one kind in the garden.

Sunday 2.

Therm. 42° at sunrise

50 at 1 P.M.

32 at 9 " "

{ Clear at first. Cloudy after 10^h. Rainy after 1. Snowy after 6 till after 9. Most of the snow melted as it fell but some remained. Wind S.W. & some S.E. till after 5 then N.W. and cold & brought snow.

Prof. Northwick preached to day - Mr. Wiley gone to N.York.

Monday 3. The hills and mountains in every direction, east as well as west, are white with snow and present the dreariness of winter, this morning. But little snow remains in this village. A windy night.

Therm 36° at sunrise

45 at 1 P.M.

32 at 9 " "

{ Clear with flying clouds. Wind N.W. & brisk.

They were riding in sleighs in Chesterfield & other places this morning; some drifts 2 or 3 feet deep.

Warham Kingoly paid me 100 dollars & 56.14 on note taken up.

Snow in Belchertown, Ware, &c. was 6 inches on a level this morning, or more - on the Western Hill, the quantity was less. P.S. See this morning at Philadelphia, Washington &c.

Tuesday 4:

Therm. 30° at sunrise

52 at 1 P.M.

40 at 9 " "

{ Ground frozen. Eastern hills still covered with snow. Clear day mostly flying clouds. Wind N.W. and W.N.W.

P.S. Ther. 30° near Philadelphia this morning. See, formed.

Brother Parsons & wife here. He has taken my rent on 2 shares of Westhampton parsonage, \$12.05 after deducting taxes. I have paid for repairs 1.82. So I have left only 10.23.

At 10^h A.M. Attachment. E.J.

May 22 returned to me. Paid 25^{cts}.

May 1841.

4th continued. Borrowed of Assignees of Oren Kingsley, 400 dollars, and gave note on demand. (See Jan. 13, 1842)
 Sons J. W. and Hall returned from Worcester County. They were at Templeton over the Sabbath. The late snow was about 6 inches on a level at J. and other hill towns. Sons say there was nothing green between Hadley and Worcester, except rich spots of grass land, when they went down. Vegetation at Worcester not so forward as at N. Hampton. — Hadley Graves last week 559 lbs May. (Cittie 1842)

Wednesday 5. Therm. 31° at sunrise } Spots of snow still on Eastern and Western Hills.
 57 at 10 P.M. } Clear with flying clouds. A.M. Clouds came
 46 at 9 " " } on P.M. and before night all was cloudy.
 Wind mostly S. and S.W.
 Deposited in the Bank 400 dollars borrowed yesterday, and 100 dollars of Hall's money. [Taken out June 3.]

Thursday 6. Therm. 42° at sunrise } Cloudy all day and some sprinklings. Sun
 50 at 12 P.M. } set clear, and cleared off in evening.
 44 at 9 " " } Wind S. westerly most of the day; latter
 part of the day N.W.
 Went out to Easthampton with Hall. Heard swallows and Bob O'lincolns; they have probably been about 3 or 4 days. Vegetation has altered but little since April 30th. [Bob Olincolns is a mistake.]

Friday 7 Therm. 39° at sunrise } Clear A.M. Grew cloudy from S.W. in the
 63 at 1 P.M. } afternoon, and all cloudy before night.
 46 at 9 " " } A rainbow-halo around the sun at noon.
 Wind mostly S.W. and W. and N.S.W.

Saturday 8. Therm. 44° at sunrise } Cloudy with a little sprinkling A.M.
 58 at 1 P.M. } Clear and Pleasant P.M.
 44 at 9 " " } Wind mostly E.N.E. some N.N.E.
 Aurora Borealis in evening.

Sunday 9. Therm. 32° at sunrise } Some frost this morning. Halo around sun at 1 pm
 68 at 10 P.M. } Clear A.M. Thin clouds P.M. Fall cloudy before 6.
 70 at 1 " " } Wind N.N.E. rained to S.E. and before noon N.W.
 53 at 9 " " } do P.M. W.N.W. and some W.

Monday 10. Therm. 46° at sunrise } Cloudy, and began to rain before 7, and
 52 at 1 P.M. } continued moderately all day.
 49 at 9 " " } Wind in fore noon S.E. — in P.M. E.S.E. and N.

The Season. The progress of vegetation continues to be slow. Grass is green, but trees in general present the aspect of winter, except the dry brown of winter is changed for the London-brown or hazel of spring. Even Elms do not appear green at a distance.

Gooseberry, Honey-suckle, Lilac, Serris, Raspberries, are full of small leaves — also currants, crabapples & one kind of maple in South street have abundance of small leaves, but not so forward as the preceding.

Horse chestnut leaves are opening & open & the flower bud pyramids are $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length

Elms are greenish brown or very pale green, owing to the seed formation and unopened leaf buds.

E. Cherries } The leaf buds on these trees are opening, and many
 Apples } small leaves appear on cherries & apples, and
 Pears } a few on pears & peaches, but trees are not green at a
 Peaches } little distance. Cherries are full of large leaf flower buds.
 Quinces } Some apple trees begin to show green flower buds. Peaches
 in this part of the village will not blossom this spring.

Apricots. Wm. Parsons' tree shows a dozen or more blossoms to-day — probably a few appeared yesterday. J. Wilder's tree has 2 blossoms. The first fruit blossoms seen this spring.

Plums (Mr Shepard's) show green buds. (Bastard plums are cut down.)

P.S. Apple trees that will blossom — the leaves surround the flower buds and at first are all in one bud. The buds open & leaves separate from the blossom buds.

May 1841.

Monday 10, continued —

Vegetation continued — Rhubarb leaves in the garden are 4 or 5 inches wide.

Mr Holyoke shows no green (except evergreens) and very little that is reddish. The reddish noticed once or twice before was somewhat delusive.

[Wm Clark Jr. paid me his note to Col. Wm. Hooker dated Oct 4. 1840, for 174.84 & Interest 6.40. Total \$181.24.

The season as to vegetation is very near that of 1838.

The cloudy & wet weather hinders farming operations.

Ploughing, sowing & planting are but a small part done especially on moist grounds. Very little gardening done.

Tuesday 11

Therm. 41° at sunrise
62 at 1 P.M.
46 at 9 " "

Rainy till after 8. Partly clear after 9 till night. Evening clear.
Wind N. after 9 S. till near noon.
E. P.M. W. N. W. till night.

Wednesday 12

Therm. 40° at sunrise
69 at 1 P.M.
46 at 9 " "

Clear A.M. Cloudy P.M. and a little rain towards night.
Wind W. N. W. till 4, then N. N. E.

Apple trees many look a little green at a distance.

Butternuts — buds are opening.

Gooseberries & both show blossoms to day — probably some were out yesterday.

Dandelions — were out yesterday.

Ranunculus or Forget-me-not (pissabeds) are some in blossom.

Peaches — would show blossoms if the flower buds were not blasted. These buds are on, & greenish within, but have not swelled this spring.

Gourants — a few blossoms open — almost all not open.

Plums — John Hopkins wild plums (see last year) have some half open flowers.

The season is about as it was April 24. last year, as to vegetation.

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| " do | " | April 26. in 1839. as to do. | { See May 1. 1840. May 12 or 14. 1839 as to do. May 6 or 8. 1836 as to do. May 16 or 18. 1835 as to do. May 8 or 10. 1834 as to do. |
| " do | " | May 12 in 1838 as to do. | |
| " do | " | May 12 or 14. 1839 as to do. | |
| " do | " | May 6 or 8. 1836 as to do. | |
| " do | " | May 16 or 18. 1835 as to do. | |

These are from my minutes in this book, which are quite imperfect before 1838; therefore there may be errors in the years previous to 1838.

George Smith and his sister Sarah (from Missouri) here to day. — He took up note Asaph Lyman held against his father & Perez Smith — due 189.45.

Cows turned into the highways to day. Fees pretty good.

Thursday 13

Therm. 38° at sunrise
57° at 1 P.M.
65° at 3 " "
50° at 9 " "

Mostly clear. Pleasant but cool till 2. After 2 warmer & more clouds.
Wind N. N. E. till 2. After 3. S. and near that till night.

Bought clear pork for salting, fresh, at 8 1/2 cents. Hogs are worth about 6.

I sent note vs. Luther Smith of Hartford to Ezra Clark, to collect a year's interest on it, on the 11th. Interest due to day. (See Feb 13. 1840)

English Cherries show blossoms to day in several places. Only 3 or 4 blossoms on Mr. Shepards trees.

Friday 14.

Therm. 42° at sunrise
62 at 1 P.M.
45 at 9 " "

Clear. — mostly cloudy after 9 1/2 till night
Wind A.M. S.E. and E.S.E.
do P.M. mostly N.W. & N.N.W. Some S.E.

Elm leaves are opening — also hard & soft maples. Some maples, as noticed before, have large leaves. Wild plums show a few blossoms.

May 1841

Friday 14 continued. Fast.

This is the day set apart by President Tyler for fasting & prayer on account of the death of President Harrison. Several Governors and religious bodies have seconded the President. There is in this movement some sincerity & religious feeling, but for the most part I consider it a farcical business, got up by the politicians for the benefit of the Whig party. It is nonsense to talk about the people's mourning & feeling grieved on account of the death of Gen. Harrison or any other man in office. The funeral parades in our cities seem to me to be a part and parcel of the same farce - a hypocritical show, an ostentatious parade, with some sincerity and much pretence. The emotion in the community when a man great in reality, or great by office, dies, is feeble and evanescent.

In this place, it was a day for riding out, &c. with many; many labored in the fields and elsewhere, especially in the forenoon - in the afternoon all the religious societies met together in the old meeting house, and Mr. Metchel made a long prayer, and Mr. Wiley preached a good sermon. I did not attend. The house was pretty well filled. All the stores were shut P.M. and more or less A.M. One meeting in one place sufficed for the whole village. There was no exhibition of crape or other mourning. As to fasting, I suspect that but little of that is done by any persons in health, now-a-days.

P.S. I understand the usual number of laborers were at work in the meadow all day - probably less P.M. than A.M. I mean the usual number for days past, which has not been so great as it sometimes is in the lower & wetter parts of the meadows.

Saturday 15. Considerable Frost this morning, & many leaves frozen quite stiff; yet very few of them were killed here.

Therm. 31° at sunrise } Clear mostly all day.
65 at 1 P.M.
41 at 9 " " } Wind A.M. was N.W. - N.E. - E. & round to S.
do P.M. " N.W. and S.E.

Sent to Col. Hooker 181. 24 which Wm. Clark Jr. paid me on the 11th. Sent it by Alvan Harris, as directed by Col. Hooker. Paid to Daniel Kingsley 12.50 on bro. Matthews account it being the 12.50 rec'd of brother Johnson April 17th for bro. M. Rec'd of Anson's Chapman interest on his notes to May 16 - 52 10.

Sunday 16 } mostly clear all day.
Therm. 34 at sunrise } Wind A.M. N. - N.E. - N.E. and E. &
66 at 1 P.M. } do P.M. N.W. - W. and S.W.
47 at 9 " " } Mr. Wiley A.M. A man from Kentucky P.M.

Monday 17 } Cloudy till near noon, then Clear till night
Therm. 50° at sunrise } except a severe gust of wind with clouds & rain at 2.
63 at 1 P.M. } Wind S.S.W. till near noon; then N.E. & W; next N.W.
45 at 9 " " } next N.N.W. till night.

Sons J.W. and Hall started for Boston in a buggy at 2½ P.M. Will stop at Worcester. Hophni arrived from Rainbow, Windsor, towards night.

Wm. Clark Jr. confessed yesterday at the Edward church. An unexpected and strange affair, is his delinquency.

Tuesday 18 } Clear with flying clouds A.M. Cloudy P.M.
Therm. 40° at sunrise } Wind N.W. and brisk A.M.
64 at 1 P.M. } do N.W. - N.E. - W. and N. - P.M.
48 at 1 " " }

Rode to North Hadley with Naphine in forenoon. Was new at that village before.

May 1841.

Tuesday 18. continued.

The Season. Observations in N.H. and Hadley to-day. Men are ploughing, planting & sowing on both sides of the river. The greater part of the sowing is probably done, and some spring grain is up, but not much. The greater part of the planting (corn and broom corn) is not done, and there is much spring ploughing still to be done.

The deciduous trees on Holyoke are not green or greenish except here and there only; it is the same with trees on the western hills, Round Hill &c. The trees in the villages and meadows as elms, maples, willows and fruit-trees are generally green or greenish. Pastures on the western hills are brownish green & some quite green. Some are still brown. No blossoms on fruit-trees except English cherries, on either side of the river. (Apricots are so few that I seldom see one - did not notice one to-day. Those I have noticed blossomed several days since.)

Accounts of the cold, wet, backward spring appear in papers from all quarters; - from distant states as well as those near.

P.S. I notice a few plum blossoms at Miss Osborn's, and pear blossoms on a tree south east of shop row. These are not trees that I have noticed in past years. Mrs. (Lutie) Phelps' ~~plum~~ trees have also begun to blossom.

Ash trees in Market Street are full of dark colored half-globes - they are dark purple or almost black on outside and green within; they are apparently buds or blossoms: the leaves beginning to open. Butternuts show clusters of buds (I believe) 1 1/2 inches long; they look like a large worm. The leaves considerably out. (By buds, flower buds are meant.)

Wednesday 19. Mostly cloudy A.M. Mostly clear P.M.
Therm. 42° at sunrise
58 at 1 P.M.
42 at 9 " " Wind N.W. - N. and N.E.

Paid Mrs. Abel's milk bill from Feb. 22. to May 17, 54 1/2 quarts @ 4. 2; 38

Began to have milk of Mrs. Shepard to-day.

Rode out to Westhampton with Hophorn. Cousin Eleanor paid me \$235, of which 100 is for Sister Lyman. ^{Both to be} _{indorsed May 19}

Vegetation on the way and at Westhampton.

Chestnuts and oaks do not look green, but at a distance are of a russet or reddish brown or harel hue. yet many of them by the road side have small leaves - some not.

Maples, especially hard maples, are every where green, and show themselves in the woods in every direction.

Walnuts have great buds.

Bushes with white blossoms (shad bushes, I believe) are seen on the edge of the woods in many places, and by fences.

Peach trees seem not injured in Westhampton - are full of red buds and some blossoms. Began to blossom probably about the 17th inst. English cherries in blossom there as here.

At Simon Collier's, South Street, observed a branch of a peach tree lying on his house roof, full of blossoms; the only blossoms I have seen on peach trees in Westhampton.

Ploughing and planting in W.H. as here - partly done, partly not done. Winter rye on good lands is from 6 to 9 inches high; on the plains and light lands 3 to 6 inches high.

Gave cousin John A. Judd 3¢. He is poor and feeble.

Thursday 20. Considerable Frost, Leaves near the ground made stiff with frost, but not killed.
Therm. 32° at sunrise
72 at 1 P.M.
52 at 9 " " Clear & pleasant day.
Wind N.W. except 1 or 2 hours S.E.

Thermometer was above 70 at 1 o'clock, the first time this spring Blossoms first appear on blue plum (Mr. Shepard's) and on common cherry. Wild plums about in full blossom. These trees about 20 days later than last year.

Samuel Jones paid me all his note \$89.27.

Hopland returned to Windsor to-day.

May 1841.

Friday 21.

Therm. 50° at sunrise
81 at 1 P.M.
63 at 9 " "

mostly clear - a little smoky. Warm.
Wind S.E. and S.E. A.M.
do N.W. W. Fe. P.M.

Fire - has been necessary in the house every day & every hour this spring till to-day. This is the first warm day. I planted some garden seeds in the forenoon - first I have put in. In the afternoon I walked out to Southampton to attend a meeting of the trustees of Sheldon Academy; I resigned and was discharged. Did business with thank some friends and then returned to Sister Lyman's, Easthampton. Cousin Asa Fidd paid me his father's account 2.00 and Panny Black (E. Hampton) paid me 11.75 for services I had rendered him. Paid Sister Lyman 100 dollars I had of Eleana Fidd for her.

Vegetation in N.H. E.H. and S.H.

Apple blossoms - appeared to-day on limbs near Mr. Shepard's barn; also a few on other trees in the village. Observed some blossoms in E.H. & S.H. which evidently opened to-day. English Cherries are nearly in full blossom. N.H. Currants do. Crab apple - shows half open blossoms. a few. (Mr. Williston). Pears are blossoming - some much more forward than others. Peach trees in Southampton in blossom. Plum trees. Mr. Shepard's engrafted plums show blossoms. Pandelions make some lots look yellow. N.H.

White oaks, E.H. & S.H. Some have small leaves, but most show only buds. Red, black & other oaks more forward than white oaks or chestnuts. some appear quite green, and all show leaves. Chestnuts - all have small leaves. Walnuts generally have only buds - a few have open leaves. Button ball - the buds are generally opening - the leaves that appear are small. Ash - the leaf buds are opening.

In general, the preceding forest trees ~~are~~ do not appear decidedly green at a distance; yet a pale green hue may be discerned on Round hill, Mt. Holyoke, & Mt. Tom among these trees - probably among the red, black & yellow oaks. Common Locust, near Court house - show small leaves. Others do not. Thorny Locust & show small green buds.

The difference in the seasons between 1840 and 1841 is from 18 to 28 days - this season is nearly 20 days, perhaps quite that, later than the spring of 1840.

Farmers in E.H. S.H. and N.H. are in the midst of planting.

This evening uncle Brown & his 2 daughters who are going to teach the girls' school arrived from Templeton. J. Walker & Hall arrived from Boston and Worcester. Elizabeth arrived from Hartford in the afternoon. All here at night.

Saturday 22.

Therm. 56 at sunrise
81 at 1 P.M.
64 at 9 " "

Very smoky, A.M. Cloudy P.M. 2 warm days
Wind A.M. N.E. - S.W. - S., and P.M. Southw. Some sprinklings P.M. A small shower in the night.

I returned from E.H. in the morning. Uncle Brown left us in the morning. Vegetation advances rapidly. Bought veal to-day at 5 cents - the first fresh meat I have bought since I came from Boston. Sons say vegetation is forwarder here than in Worcester or any place between this and vicinity of Boston. Apple trees about Boston were not much in blossom. Mrs. Brown says that not a fruit blossom of any kind had appeared at Templeton when they left May 21 - not even Eng. cherries.

P.S. At Buffalo, N.Y. there was no leaf larger than a mouse's ear, May 21. (Buffalo paper)

May 1841

Sunday 23.

Therm. 60 at sunrise
76 at 1 P.M.
79 at 4 " "
80 at 9 " "

Cloudy mostly A.M. Clear mostly till 4½ -
Clouds and Thunder Shower 4½ to 5½, then
mostly clear again. Heavy shower went South.
Wind mostly S.E. all day - some S.S.E. and S.
Shower was from N.W.

President Allen preached A.M. and Mr. . . . a young man P.M.

Many apple trees show blossoms, but the greater part have not
yet begun to put forth flowers. Pear trees are three or four
days in advance of apple trees.

Grab-apple - first full blossoms on Mr Shepard's tree to-day,
and on the Williston's yesterday.

Flowering Almond - showed flowers yesterday.

Lilac - a few open flowers to-day, on the purple; ~~none~~ on white.
The white is ~~near~~ blossoming.

Grass. The earliest grass (perhaps sweet-scented vernal)
shows abundance of heads, some with blossoms - Doubtless
were out yesterday.

English grass (so called) shows many panicles in warm rich
places about buildings, &c.

Whippoorwills were heard last-week 2 or 3 evenings, or more.
probably did not come till last-week.

Round Hill appears greenish and green. Mr Holyoke also.

Monday 24

Therm. 53 at sunrise
80 at 1 P.M.
89 at 9 " "

Mostly clear A.M. Some haze P.M. 4th warm day.
Wind mostly S.E. all day. Some S.

Miss Brown left us this morning to board at Mr. Warner's.
Hall started for Bloomfield and Hartford.

Vegetation makes rapid progress.

Purple plum & common Cherry in full blossom
White lilac shows blossoms in some places. Mr Shepard's not
quite - will blossom tomorrow. I was out on 25th.

Thorn Locust has small leaves, & shows small clusters of ~~flowers~~
buds that will make leaves.

Planted or sowed cucumbers, lettuce, bush beans, beets, &c.

Season continues about as in 1838. The difference from
last year less than it was a few days ago - now 14 to 17 days.

Tuesday 25

Therm. 59 at sunrise
82 at 1 P.M.
64 at 9 " "

½ cloudy & ½ clear A.M. Cloudy P.M.
Thunder shower from 4 to 4½ o'clock.
Some rain after 6.
Wind A.M. was S.E. - and P.M. S. and S.W.

Planted upper garden on Mr. Tower's land to-day
Black Mulberry the latest of trees exhibits small
leaves, and shows the seed buds.
Horse chestnut begin to blossom.

Wednesday 26

Therm. 61 at sunrise
74 at 1 P.M.
65 at 9 " "

Rainy by turns till noon. Cloudy but no rain P.M.
Wind S.E. forenoon: and S and S.W. afternoon.

Grab apple in full blossom.

Buttercups or crowfoot begin to blossom - I noticed a doz. blossoms or more
Grass. The lots are full of heads of the early grass, & much of it
in blossom, but heads of English appear only about buildings, fences, &
road sides.

Dandelions are abundant, and make grass lots yellow; a very few have
gone to seed, and show white.

Sold a note against Jesse Elwell to Jesse Lynman dated Nov 24. 1838
for 100\$. Due principal & interest 115\$. Sold it for 110 dollars, viz
10 dollars cash & Lynman's note for 100 dollars. (See Dec 30. 1841
See Jan. 13. 1842)

May 1841

Thursday 27.

Therm. 60° at sunrise
80 at 1 P.M.
65 at 9 " "

Foggy clouds & a little rain in the morning. Cloudy
rest of the forenoon. Mostly cloudy P.M.
Wind from N.N.E. to E. and S.E. forenoon
do mostly S. and near S. afternoon.

Friday 28.

Therm. 62° at sunrise
84 at 1 P.M.
69 at 9 " "

Cloudy morning - mostly clear before noon - a dark
cloud and sprinkling before 11 & clear again.
Afternoon mostly clear.

Wind A.M. S.S.E. and S.S.W. - P.M. mostly S.W.
At B. B. Edwards here.

Apples { Apple trees - are about full blossom - perhaps were so yesterday.
The growth is less than usual - some trees have no blossoms -
many have but few, and many are quite full of blossoms.
It is difficult to tell the time of full blossoming.

Horse-chestnuts are nearly in full blossom - not quite.
Green are the mountains and vallies - almost all trees are
green. - Thorny Locust and black Mulberry are exceptions,
as they do not look green at a distance. Button Ball
trees exhibit a pale green.

Lilac, white & purple, are in full blossom in warm, early situations;
but in general, will be nearer full tomorrow and next day. They
correspond very nearly with horse chestnut, as to flowering.
Dandelions - the white caps of dandelions gone to seed are becoming
numerous.

Butter cups - but few are visible in the lots on King street. The lot
in front of Mr. Nichols' house is yellow with them.

Quince - the Napier's show a very few blossoms.

Tulips - Mr. Talbot's are all in bloom - a splendid display.

Peaches - here and there a scattered blossom appears at this late time.

Saturday 29.

Therm. 60° at sunrise
86 at 1 P.M.
In shower 68 at 2 " "
58 at 9 " "

Fog & clouds in morning. Mostly clear at 8 & till noon
Heavy Shower from N. and thunder from 1 1/2 till
after two. A small shower at 3 1/2. Some rain after 6.
Wind A.M. S.S.E. - in afternoon came round to E. and
N. in shower; went back to E.N.E. and E.S.E. and S.E.

The difference between last year and this is now only 10 to 12 days.
This is the 9th warm day. The temperature has been pretty
uniform since the 1st inclusive. No hot day as yet.

Butternut trees have pendulous clusters of buds, or blossoms,
from 3 to 5 inches in length.

The shower wind this afternoon carried off the greater part of the apple
blossoms.

Sunday 30.

Therm. 55° at sunrise
74 at 1 P.M.
54 at 9 " "

Partly clear & partly cloudy A.M. Clear P.M.
Wind A.M. N.N.E. - N.E. and E.
do P.M. E.S.E. and S.E.

Mr. Wiley preached. I attended the Baptist meeting in
the afternoon with J.W. and wife of J.W. McDoolittle preached.

Monday 31.

Therm. 42° at sunrise
70 at 1 P.M.
57 at 9 " "

Clear all day and pleasant. Cool.
Wind A.M. E and S.E. - P.M. Southerly.

Hall returned from Hartford and Bloomfield.

May for 20 days was cold, and backward; much of it cloudy
and unpleasant. The last 11 days were warm except 2 last.

Temperature at N.H. of May.

At sunrise 45 ¹⁰/₃₁
At 1 P.M. 66 ¹⁰/₃₁
At 9 " " 50 ³¹/₃₁

Average
54 ⁶⁰/₃₁

Temperature of first 20 days in May 47 ¹⁴/₂₀
do of last 11 " 66 ¹³/₃₃

{ 3 observations - 20 days - 39 ²⁰/₃₃ - 59 ²⁰/₃₃ - 44 ¹²/₃₃
{ 3 do - 11 " 56 ⁷/₁₁ - 78 ¹⁰/₁₁ - 62 ⁹/₁₁

June 1841

Tuesday 1.

Vegetation has every where a vigorous appearance though it has not advanced much for two days past. It came forward with great rapidity from May 21 to 29 inclusive.

Apple trees - the blossoms have mostly fallen, though a few remain in many trees. The apples are not large enough to measure - are but just out of the blow.

Grain-apples - about the same as the others.

Eng. Cherries are about $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in diameter.

Corn. Cherries " " $\frac{1}{4}$ " do.

Blue plums are just out of the blossoms.

Currants are more than half grown perhaps $\frac{2}{3}$.

Candelions - many places are whitish with the globular seed heads. The seeds of ~~some~~ have been blown away.

Butter cups are not yet plenty on King street lots.

Quincees are nearly in full blossom - not quite.

Grasses - English and that which has panicles like English are generally out, but not yet in blossom apparently.

Clover, red, shows red heads to-day in warm, early places.

The greenish heads have been seen a week or 10 days, but were not in blossom till now & but few now.

Grass in ^{some} rich places is knee-high; in general in good mowing, it is ⁶ or 8 to 10 or 12 inches - in some still less. There is a prospect of a heavy crop of hay. Grass is more forward than other things.

Flower de Luce. Mr. Shepard's blossomed to-day. Others some days since.

Snow balls - have been in flower 2 or 3 days or more, but are still of a pale yellow color.

Lilac & Horseshoe nut flowers still remain on the trees and appear fresh.

Syringa & Honeysuckle show only buds - no flowers.

Elms. Most seeds with their winged envelope are yet green and adhere to the trees. Some are brownish and almost ready to fall.

The Meadows.

Corn. In the higher parts of the meadow, there are many pieces of corn, and some of brown corn, nearly or quite ready to hoe. A few persons are hoeing this week - not many. On the lower, wetter lands, some are ploughing, some are planting, and the corn is coming up on some. Corn is in every stage of progress from not planted & just planted, to that large enough to hoe, in different parts of the meadow.

Oats - are 2, 3, or 4 inches high - that is, the most forward pieces

Rye - is from one to two feet high and is generally heading out - many heads are entirely out, but most are not.

Grass looks well in the meadow, but not so forward as the home lots.

The season is now from 8 to 11 (say 10) days later than last year, as to most things. In some plants the difference is not so much.

Therm. 49° at sunrise } Cloudy morning. Rest of day clear. Cool.
69° at 1 P.M. } Wind A.M. S.E. - do P.M. S.E. and S.
58° at 9 " " }

Wednesday 2.

Mostly clear all day. Pleasant.

Therm. 51° at sunrise } Wind A.M. mostly S.E. - & P.M. W.N.W.
84° at 1 P.M. }
59° at 9 " " }

Paid Mr. Shepard 1.75 for hay & meal to this time. Wm. Clark Jr. for Oats 2.25

Tall oat grass (G. D. Whitneys) begins to show part of the heads. White (or eyed) Daisies begin to show blossoms. These noted last year not yet in blossom.

June 1841. Coming up of garden plants. 1841.

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Cook. summer squash came up in 6 days from planting; some in 7, 8, & 9.
Pole beans & Bush beans } began to come up in 7 days from planting
Cabbage & Radishes " " " 3 1/2 " " do.
Sweet corn " " " 7 " " do.
Turnip beets " " " 4 " " do.
Lettuce " " " 5 " " do.
Early cucumber " " " 12 " " do.
Potatoes " " " 7 " " do.
Winter squash " " " " " do.

The seeds in the upper (Tower) garden came up in just about the same time from planting as those in garden by the house.

Ohio—Cincinnati papers state that the spring crops were but just in, May 18. In some counties the orchards were not in bloom, May 15, and the forest trees remained naked, and corn planting not finished. In some places none of the spring crops were in May 15.

Indiana—similar to Ohio—spring 2 or 3 weeks later than usual.

Illinois—fies necessary for comfort up to May 15 or later. Much rain Spring of 1836 about as backward as this—sickness after it.

Thursday 3 Clear all day. Pleasant

Therm. 48° at sunrise } Wind variable—mostly N.N.E. forenoon.
73 at 1 P.M. } do N.W. and W.N.W. —afternoon.
55 at 9 " "

Rode to Payer Smith's, South Hadley with J.W. All trees and shrubs green; and much foliage. Rye all heads out, some 3 feet high. Grass looks well. Some people hoeing corn in N.W. meadow, & in S.H. not many however.

Friday 4

Therm. 43 at sunrise } Wind at first N.N.E. —next W.N.W. till noon.
77 at 1 P.M. } do P.M. — West. S.W. and S.S.W.
85 at 9 " " } Mostly clear A.M. Many thin clouds P.M. but more clear than cloudy.

Paid my Parish Tax yesterday—12.98 and 5 percent off, leaving 12.33.

Poll was 1.25, and 2.55 on 1000 dollars estate.

Took up note of 25 dollars given to Hall Sept. 1. 1840, by payment. Borrowed of Hall 250 dollars & gave him my note. Lent yesterday to John Clarke 500 dollars, took his note. Took money out of bank that was deposited May 5.

Planted potatoes in garden below the bank. Elm seeds falling.

Saturday 5

Therm. 65° at sunrise } Many thin clouds but sun shone all day.
86 at 1 P.M. } Atmosphere not clear—moon at rising and
64 at 9 " " } sun at setting are red as in a drought.
Wind S.W. soon N.W. all day till towards night, then N.E.—Warmest day as yet.

Sunday 6

Therm. 48° at sunrise } Clear, but sky was grey. Some haze near the
75 at 1 P.M. } horizon all around; & some thin clouds towards night.
56 at 9 " " } Wind at first E.N.E. next E.S.E. next nearly S. till noon
do P.M. South or a little E. or W. of South.

Mr. Wiley. A.M. A stranger P.M. — Wrote a letter to J. & C. of N. Snow balls now appear white like snow, having changed from yellow.

Settle Note to A.H. yesterday 331. 29 — interest from July 28. 1840 — in 9 mos. Should be July 15. 1841
do do do April 19. 190. 00 " from date — in 6 mos. & both settled July 17
P.S. do do June 24. 412. 42 " " July 5 — in 6 mos. & both settled July 17

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Monday 7.

Therm. 55° at sunrise
85 at 1 P.M.
73 at 9 " "

Clear - sky grey - smoky or hazy near
the horizon. Clouds from W. after 6
Wind Southwily all day brisk - No rain

J. W. Hunted for Hartford with horse & buggy. & will proceed
to New York. Isaac Clarke & wife started for N.Y. Baltimore &c.
I prepared papers in relation to case of J. C. vs. Saml Williams,
Leut John Clarke 169 dollars & took his note.

I have now three notes signed by J. Clarke,

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|---|---------|
| One dated April 19. 1841, on which is due to me, 45.00 45.00 | |
| one dated June 3. 1841, on which is due to me (& Hall) 500.00 | |
| One dated Jun 7. 1841, on which is due to me (& Hall) 169.00 | |
| all payable to me, and I have given 2 notes | 714.00. |
| to Hall, one dated June 4. 1841 for 250 dollars | |
| one dated June 7. 1841 for 64 " | 314.00 |

Leaving belonging to me after Hall is paid \$400.00

This is the 400 dollars I borrowed May 4. - lost the interest a month

Paid today to Isaac Clarke, my note dated April
20th, 1840 (see that date) on which was due 298.62

Paid to the same my note dated Oct 29. 1840, due 103.63

This was money I received of Eleanor Judd
Warham Kingsley, Samuel James, &c. } \$402.25

All my money has been on hand for some time
as I expected my sons would go into business & need it.
But they will not engage in business at present.

Red Clover is considerably out, but not in full blossom. Some places
are reddish with it.

White Clover shows blossoms.

Crowfoot or Buttercups is considerably out - not full - not so
much as usual.

Apples - early ones are $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in diameter - a few may be
 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Not quite as forward as June 1, last year.

Grass Apples are not quite as large as common ones

Seringa - first showed blossoms to day - same as May 28, 1840.

Honeysuckle, fragrant. Mr. Abels begins to blossom. Mr. Shepard's
has not begun - is in a half-dead state.

Yellow lillies - Mr. Shepard's began to blossom to day, & others.
In some places, they were in blossom before to day.

Peonies began to show blossoms yesterday.

Vegetation is not quite as forward as it was June 1. 1840.
It is about 7 to 9 days later than last year - nearly
as it was in 1838.

A man in Greenfield says there was no warm day in the spring
till May 21. & no spring-like weather till June. Snow fell
a foot deep in some places in Franklin County May 3.

23 snow storms over two inches deep between Oct. 1840 & June 1841
and 9 1/2 feet in all. January was very mild, and blue birds
and phibes were seen Jan. 7. & 8. 1841. - so says W - d of Greenfield

